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MOSCOW REBELS HEMMED IN BY TROOPS FIGHTING TO THE DEATH

BALTIC FLEET MUTINIES

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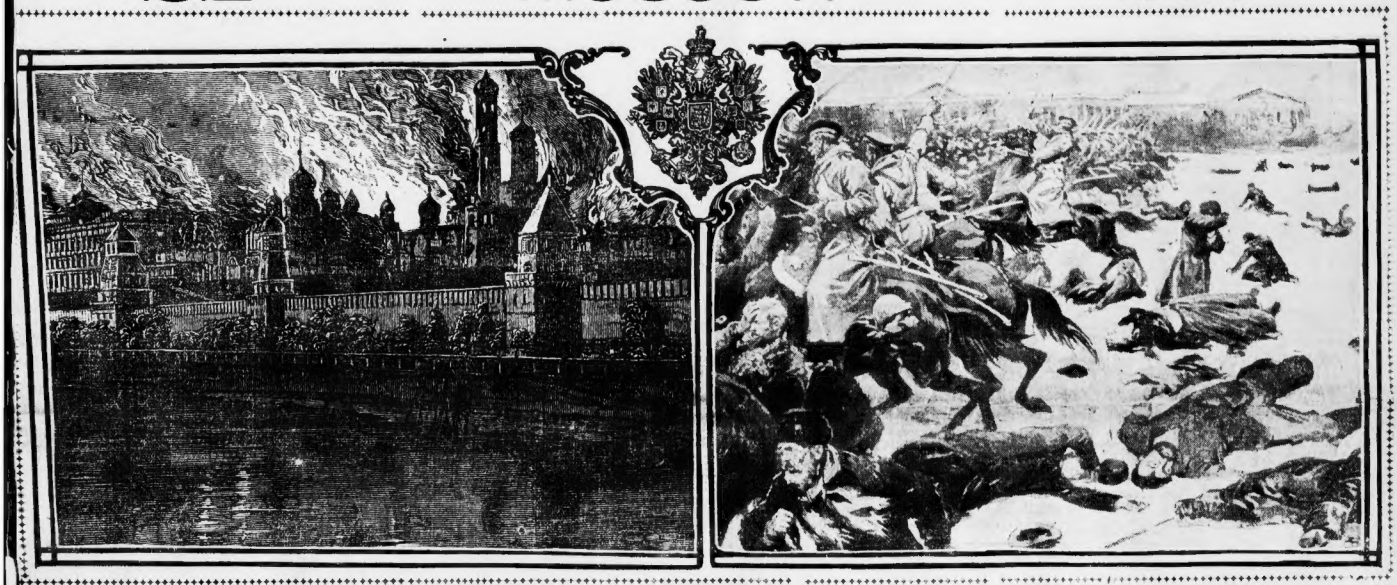

As the exultant French entered the city which seemed to them the goal of their desires they found it deserted, without food or inhabitants. Even here the Russian army persisted in its policy of retreating and never fighting; for well it knew that in the field the eagles of France moved only to victory.

Its population of 300,000 had fled, and only some liberated convicts and abandoned wretches watched the triumphant entry of the conqueror. The French were starving, and Moscow was empty. But this was only the commencement

Starting from eleven different places, the conflagration raged for three days with terrific fierceness. The Russians had removed all the engines, and the dismayed French could do almost nothing to check it, though the incendiaries were shot down like dogs. But what words can describe the horror of that scene? Amid the glorious palaces and churches resplendent in the flames, the convicts and abandoned wretches ran like vermin, engaged in universal pillage, and covering their filthy rags with furs and gems and costly robes. What the fire spared, the greedy clutch of ravishers destroyed; and works of elegance and luxury went down either in the awful holocaust or in the vortex of remorseless war. No less than 20,000 Russian soldiers who had been left in the Moscow hospitals were burned to death.—*From Red Letter Days abroad by John L. Stoddard, the noted traveler and lecturer.*

A terrible holocaust occurred at the Sytin works, where 6,000 workmen were suddenly surrounded by cavalry and artillery. The latter fired at the building, which was soon in flames. Hundreds perished in the conflagration.

The machine guns of the troops swept every street and avenue and riddled houses occupied by the rebels.

The insurgents, although poorly armed, fought with the courage born of hate and desperation, charging up to the very muzzle of the cannon, only to be blown to atoms. The streets ran with blood. Cossacks with their lances charged into the ranks of the insurgents, stabbing and cutting, while the rebels dragged the soldiers from their saddles and literally tore them limb from limb.

The world's history contains no tales that can compare with the cruelty displayed by both troops and insurgents. Women, children and babes in arms were butchered in the same manner as armed men by the troops, who were insane with rage and drunk with vodka and the lust for blood.

Houses filled with women and children were blown to pieces by the artillery, and those who were only wounded were butchered as they reached the streets. Bombs were exploded in the midst of insurgents and troops alike, killing and maiming hundreds.

So severe and continuous has been the fighting that there has not been time to bury the dead nor properly care for the wounded. Bodies lie about the streets, while every hospital, building and shelter of any kind has its quota of groaning soldiers or insurgents.—*From current news dispatches describing the recent revolution in Moscow.*

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—Mutiny has broken out among the sailors on the Russian warships Abrek, Admiral Kroniloff and Okean, and three torpedo boats lying at Libau. Orders were given to the vessels to proceed to Riga to co-operate with the land forces in quelling the revolt there.

The crews refused to obey the orders, however, declaring they would do nothing against the revolutionists. The officers were powerless in the face of this refusal, and the ships are still at Libau.

GLASGOW, Scotland, Dec. 27.—The correspondent of the Herald at St. Petersburg wires that the Baltic provinces are now entirely in the hands of the rebels.

The strike is spreading everywhere except in St. Petersburg, where it has died out to some extent.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—The revolutionists at Moscow are making their last stand.

Hemmed in by the troops in a square near the Brest railroad station, with machine guns trained on them from every street running into the square, the main body of the rebels, behind hastily constructed barricades, now have their choice between being shot down with their rifles in their hands or of surrendering and probably being summarily executed.

There is no chance for them to escape. Every way they turn they face the grim muzzles of cannon, lines of rifles and troops of Cossacks and other cavalry. The revolution, so far as Moscow is concerned, has been crushed out, at least for the present.

STILL HOLD OUTSKIRTS.

The square in which the insurgents are confined is bounded by Tverskaia street and the Tverskol, Sadovia and Rounda boulevards. In this quadrilateral the insurgents have fortified every inch of their lines with trees, telegraph poles and street cars, in front of which they have built a network of entanglements.

It is impossible for the troops to charge through, and artillery is used mercilessly.

Two of the four grenadier regiments which mutinied have returned to duty, and are fighting on the side of the Government.

Troops also have arrived from St. Petersburg.

The fires which destroyed the Brest railroad station and other buildings have been extinguished and the danger of the destruction of the city by fire seems to be at an end.

The rebels still hold the outskirts of Moscow. A thousand men have been working day and night on barricades which are now strong enough to resist anything but artillery, and those behind the barricades are partly protected against the cannon by their trenches. The rebels have six machine guns.

A terrible holocaust occurred at the

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REBELS SET FIRE TO MOSCOW PRISON

Special Cable to Boston American.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—The imperial troops in Moscow had considerable successes Monday. Their loyalty cannot be suspected. The most striking incident consisted of an attempt by rebels to release the prisoners from the forwarding prison.

A vast throng of armed men gathered at the prison and began an attack on it. There was no troops near, but the prison wardens, numbering 200, came out armed with revolvers and withstood the onslaught of the rebels, killing and wounding about 50 of them and putting the remainder to flight. Thrilling incidents and astonishing examples characterized the struggle, it is known of human passions were displayed.

The Sytin Printing Works, which was destroyed, was the scene of a magnificent conflict. Eighty or ninety rebels fired repeated volleys from it at the troops. Presently a body of infantry surrounded the place and summoned the rebels to surrender.

The answer was repeated volleys. The infantry retired, and artillery appeared. The rebels were again summoned to surrender, and again they replied with a hail of bullets. The guns were placed in position, and the place was bombarded and set on fire. The fire brigade was called and began to put water on the flames, assisted by the soldiers, but the rebels fired at the men, who fled.

Appeal to Rebels.

An edict issued was made that the rebels must cease, and allow the prisoners to be saved. This was met with derision and more bullets. Finally the roof fell, burying eighty of the rebels. Officers who took part in the siege of the prison declare that the rebels deliberately set fire to the place, threw bombs at the troops, and then created through an adjoining house behind the building, leaving the wives and children of peaceful operatives and many other non-rebels within, all of whom perished in the flames.

Troubles are reported at Kherson, Odessa, Kologriv and Kostroma. Numerous arrests have been made everywhere. Professor Grudeshal of Kharkoff is among the prisoners.

A military expedition under Prince Orloff has been sent to the Baltic provinces, where anarchy continues. Little news has been received from there.

Another Armed Rising.

It is reported that there is an armed rising in the government of Samara and that a provisional government has been established.

Reserves Right to Question Dr. Chase on

WIFE'S DEATH MYSTERY

Counsel for Physician in the Contested Will Case Asks Agreement to Hold Client Clear.

In the spectacular fight being made in the Probate Court at Salem by Dr. Horace Chase for $1,000,000, an element of what is the mystery that shrouds the death of his wife from what the fortune came, left by Moorfield Storey, representing the Phillips family of Swampscott, of which the dead woman was a member, refused to agree when the trial was resumed today that he would not ask Dr. Chase searching questions with regard to the death of his wife.

This, the most sensational phase of the will contest so far, was the result of an attempt upon the part of Lawyer Robert M. Morse, representing Dr. Chase, who again took the stand, to question him about the death of David K. Phillips, a brother of the dead woman, who killed himself last Spring by jumping into the ocean near his palatial home.

Lawyer Morse's contention was that the shock to Mrs. Chase that resulted from the death of her brother proved upon her mind and caused her to take her own life.

"TALK OF MURDER."

"It has been rumored," he said, "that Mrs. Chase was murdered by Dr. Chase. I want to show that the death of her brother had something to do with her death. If counsel for the contestants will admit that the doctor had nothing to do with her death then I will withdraw the question."

"The investigation into the death of Mrs. Chase," replied Mr. Storey, "is being made on account of the officers of the law, and I have no power to take any action relative to it or make any admissions."

Judge Hanson said that he would allow the attorney to go into the death of David K. Phillips, in as much as it affected his sister mentally. Dr. Chase then told what effect the death of Mr. Phillips had on his sister.

Will Made by an Astrologer.

Mrs. Chase left a will which was drawn up by Oliver Ames Gould, an astrologer living in Boston, in which she bequeathed $1 each to her brothers and to her sister, while the bulk of her personal property and real estate, valued at $1,000,000, was left to her adopted son, DeForrest Chase Moorfield Storey, for Contestants, Declines to Assent to Proposition.

Woodruff Chase, who died in Boston last week. Under the terms of the will Dr. Horace Chase will now receive property bequeathed to his son, DeForrest. The relatives are contending that the will was obtained from Mrs. Chase under undue influence.

The entire first day of the hearing on the contest was taken up by the testimony of Dr. Horace Chase, together by his cross-examination by Lawyer Moorfield Storey and E. R. Thayer, representing the Phillips family. Dr. Chase in his testimony told of his relations with Mrs. Chase, of her relations with astrologers of her "cyclone temperament," denied that she had ever beat or choked her, told of the adoption of DeForrest Chase, recounted the strange incidents in the death of Mrs. Chase, of how he had found her lying in the kitchen of their Swampscott home, after she had made an attempt to kill herself.

With his seventy-four years hanging with surprising lightness upon him, Dr. Horace Chase, in the contest brought over the will of his late wife, spent five of the

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MOSCOW REBELS MAKE LAST STAND AGAINST ANNIHILATION

Insurgents Hemmed in by Cossacks Prepare to Take Full Toll in Awful Death Struggle---Baltic Provinces in Grip of Revolution.

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Sytin works, where 6,000 workmen were suddenly surrounded by cavalry and artillery. The works were set on fire and hundreds perished in the flames.

The gates of the Tartar city around the Kremlin, where millions in treasure are stored, have been closed, and troops with machine guns are stationed on the walls.

Prince Tcherbatoff's "Black Hundred" militia has been armed by the Governor-General, and terrible reprisals on the rebels are expected when the rebellion is crushd.

Houses have been completely demolished by the artillery, and everywhere windows have been smashed by bullets.

REBELS BEATEN BACK.

The rebels are now fighting with the courage of desperation. Their bravery was astounding but it availed them little, as they were steadily driven back by the troops until all were penned in the square near the railroad station.

Twice when the rifle fire of the besieged had dwindled to an occasional flash of flame from the barricades, the troops essayed to take the square by storm, believing that the revolutionists' ammunition had become exhausted. They paid dearly for that mistake in judgment. On each occasion the besiegers withheld their fire until the soldiers were within fifty yards of the enclosure, and then every opening in the barricade seemed to spout fire.

With only the narrow streets to deploy in, the fire was deadly and the troops fled for shelter long before the open space in front of the quadrilateral was reached. After each assault the artillery fire was continued with redoubled vigor.

Just before the second attack a great breach in the barricade fronting towards the Sadovia boulevard was effected and an attempt was made to force the square from that quarter, while sham attacks were made from the other streets. This failed as signally as had the first attempt.

FORT SHAMBLES.

The crude forts could not, however, stand the fearful bombardment they were receiving, and before 10 o'clock the barricades maintained only a semblance of a fortification. Inside the square it was a shambles. With the barricades gone the [illegible] tion of the quadrilateral and the revolutionists were dying like rabbits in a round up.

POPULATION IN PANIC.

The entire population of the city is terror-stricken, and after dark the bare streets present a weird and uncanny appearance. As the correspondent drove to the telephone station he saw only a few civilians who were slinking along by the side of the walls so as to avoid the police and cavalry patrols, who fire without challenging.

The windows of the houses are stuffed with mattresses and blankets and no light is shown. The police carry rifles with bayonets fixed.

General Doubassoff is enforcing the most rigid martial law, and no person is allowed on the streets after dark.

As the correspondent drove through the accessible streets of the city he saw patrols fire every time the people gathered in groups. In the Strastnoi boulevard three volleys were fired and a dozen persons fell, while the remainder fled. He met a dozen improvised Red Cross wagons bringing in the dead or wounded, for whom there is no longer a place in the morgues or hospitals, necessitating the temporary use of residences.

All over the city there are marks of the battle which has raged in the streets for three days, and the distant booming of cannon shows the fighting is not yet at an end.

BURYING THE DEAD IN MOSCOW.

Dramatic funeral of one of the victims of recent fighting in the ancient Russian capital.

Governor General Doubassoff has prohibited the opening of windows. The better classes are afraid to venture on the streets because bombs and other deadly missiles are being thrown from windows or roofs.

Near the Triumphal Arch could be seen to-day the red flags of the insurgents flying above their barricades.

Soldiers surrounded the Continental Hotel and artillery was brought up, as it was claimed a shot had been fired from one of the windows. It was with difficulty that the landlord persuaded the troops not to demolish the building.

As the correspondent entered the telephone exchange he saw two agitators shot by a passing patrol. Artillery can be heard at work near Nicholai station.

Two attempts on the life of the prefect of police by students, one of them a woman, were frustrated. The students were arrested.

The Bourse Gazette says it is reported that General DeDioulin, prefect of St. Petersburg, has been informed by telephone that the number of dead or wounded at Moscow number 10,000 and that when questioned to-night the General did not deny that such a report had been received.

The weather is intensely cold and a foot of snow has fallen in the last forty-eight hours.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—Police and troops in St. Petersburg surrounded and captured all the members of the executive committee of the fighting revolutionary organization while they were discussing plans for an armed uprising here. They captured also the detailed plans for the uprising, as well as large quantities of arms, bombs, etc.

It is understood that as a result of these captures the government has obtained important information concerning the connection formed by the revolutionaries with the army.

WARSAW, Dec. 27.—The street railroad employes have struck, and the employes of the steam railroads are expected to follow suit. The revolutionists are threatening an armed insurrection similar to that at Moscow.

At Lodz the workmen threaten to begin a strike to-day, and an armed uprising in the coal mining districts also is threatened. It is declared that 12,000 men are ready to fight the troops.

was blown up at Vilna last night. It is reported there has been an armed rising at Samara and that a provisional government has been set up in the Caucasus.

Southern Railway	38	37⅞
St. Paul	180¾	180⅞
T. C. & Iron	132	134½
Union Pacific	149⅛	148⅞
U. S. Steel	40½	40⅝
U. S. Steel pfd	105⅞	106

STRIKERS FIGHT BEHIND TRAMCARS

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—The situation in St. Petersburg is practically unchanged, although there have been some minor disturbances. The revolutionaries here are distinctly depressed. They admit the workmen are divided, one-half willing to rise, the other half inclined to resume work, declaring it is useless to remain out longer, since the St. Petersburg railways have failed to join the general strike. Twenty-four mills have resumed work, and unless something unforeseen occurs the majority will probably return to work to-day.

The government has drafted Hussars from Tsarskoe Selo and Oranburg Cossacks into the city and the whole garrison has been placed under the command of General Zarubaieff, just returned from Manchuria.

Strikers on the Vyborg side of St. Petersburg attempted to erect barricades this [illegible] with overturned tramcars. Cossacks dislodged them after firing several volleys, to which the workmen replied with revolver shots. Strikers also attempted a red flag demonstration near the Moscow gates, but were dispersed.

The Putiloff hands, after resuming work, again went on strike, killed policemen and began rioting.

The fighting spirit is not impressively strong among the St. Petersburg workmen.

Strikers at Libau are trying to prevent the departure of the steamer Korugan with perishable cargo.

The British embassy has appealed to the government for help, which has been promised.

Reports from Riga are reassuring. The town is quiet.

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HENS MUST LAY WILLY-NILLY

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 27.—Within a short time hens will lay eggs according to program, whether they want to or not, instead of refusing to work for so long a season every year that the price of eggs runs up to famine rates, if the plans of Professor Jaffa, nutrition expert at the State University, don't go astray.

Professor Jaffa is conducting some experiments which he expects will be concluded by January 1. He had announced that his researches have justified his belief that he would be able to control the moulting period of hens.

BOSTON STOCKS.

	Opening.	11 a.m.
Amalgamated	107	106¾
American Telephone	140	140
American Pneumatic	12	12¾
American Pneumatic pref.	34	34
American Sugar	153⅝	153½
American Woolen	43	43
American Zinc	15	14⅞
Atlantic	24	25¼
Boston Con.	29	29
Centennial	29	29
Copper Range	82½	82
Franklin	18	18
Greene Cons.	31	31
Mass. Electric	15	15
Montana Coal	4½	4½
Nevada Con.	11⅞	11⅞
North Butte	90	89
Shannon	7	7
Tennessee Con.	51	51
United Copper	68	67⅞
United States Steel	40⅝	40⅝
United States Steel pref.	106	105⅞
United States Oil	10	10
United States Mining	45½	45½
Union Pacific	149	149
Utah	54⅞	54⅞

NEW YORK STOCKS.

	Opening.	11 a.m.
Amal. Copper	106	106⅞
Amer. Smelting	167½	166½
American Sugar	153¾	154
Anaconda	244	245
Atchison	88⅛	88⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	112⅞	112⅞
Brooklyn Transit	89½	89½
Canadian Pacific	174⅞	174½
Ches. & Ohio	54⅜	54⅞
Chicago Great West	21⅛	21⅛
Colo. Fuel & Iron	56⅞	56½
Erie	47⅞	47⅞
Louisville & Nashville	151¼	151½
Metropolitan	126	126½
Mexican Central	25¼	25⅞
Missouri Pacific	100⅜	100⅞
[illegible]	37½	37½
New York Central	150	150½
[illegible]	84¼	84½
Pennsylvania	143½	143⅞
People's Gas	99½	99½
Rock Island	22⅞	22⅞

PUBLIC NOTICE.

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CITIZENS DEMAND THAT OFFICIALS OPEN GRAVE

SAY MRS. BEMIS DREW $1,000 ON HAMMOND'S ORDER AFTER HIS DEATH.

Special to the Boston American.

BARRE, Dec. 27.—If public opinion prevails the body of John Hammond, who died at Lake View farm, the home of Mrs. Myra A. Bemis, under circumstances thought by many to be suspicious, will be exhumed. State Detective Peleg Murray, and Deputy Sheriff Rice have been investigating the case and will report to Assistant District Attorney George S. Taft at Worcester to-day. Should their report justify it, the attorney will order the body taken up.

Even if he does not take this action public indignation here is so strong, that it is very probable that the Chairman of the local Board of Health will be requested to exhume the body. He has the authority and will, it is thought, consider the request favorably.

State Detective Murray says he has found that the $1,000 drawn out of the Ware Savings Bank by Mrs. Bemis on an order from Hammond, was obtained a short time after his death. It had been contended that Mrs. Bemis went to the bank several days prior to the death of Hammond.

Mrs. C. H. Fountain, Burlington street, Woburn, and David Hammond, Winchester, relatives of the dead man, have employed Lawyer John F. Hurley of No. 1 Beacon street, Boston, to protect their interests in the supposed $5,000 or $6,000 which he had in the bank, but which has since dwindled down to less than $1,700.

Many Strange Circumstances.

In speaking of the case Detective Murray had this to say:

"At the request of District Attorney Taft I have investigated the case and I have found there are many strange circumstances connected with it. I have been to Ware and Amherst and seen relatives of the dead man. I also visited the Ware Savings Bank where Hammond had an account, and found that a short time after his death Mrs. Bemis called and presented an order signed by Hammond. The signature was believed by the cashier to be genuine. I have no reason to believe it was not.

"Whether or not the body will be exhumed, I cannot say. I will make my report to District-Attorney Taft and it is for him to say. I do not believe it will be necessary for me to work any more on the case. I will say, however, that I believe public opinion favors the exhuming of the body."

Deputy Sheriff Rice said: "While I have been working with the State police in this case, the matter is entirely in their hands. I believe that a majority of the people in Barre would prefer to have the body examined. We do not want any stain to rest on this town and we shall do all we can to clear up the mystery."

For the first time since the burial of Hammond Mrs. Bemis has talked with newspaper men. She is a woman of commanding presence, being a little over six feet high and weighing about 250 pounds.

Mrs' Bemis's Statement.

"It is hardly necessary, so far as I can see, for me to make any statement," she said to a BOSTON AMERICAN reporter. "If the public wants to have the body exhumed I would willingly consent, and would welcome an autopsy if it would settle the matter.

"Hammond while here at my home was employed as a hired man. He was a heavy drinker and died of delirium tremens, as was stated by Dr. E. P. Bixby of Ware in the death certificate. About the middle of November Hammond was taken ill and was confined to his bed in my house until he died. I attended him and he had every care that could be given a sick person. I treated him as if he had been a near relative.

"After working a few days he wanted to turn all his money over to me. I asked him to consider the matter, but told him he was always to live on Lake View Farm if he wished. He called Foreman Flynn into the house and dictated two orders, one on the Ware Bank and one on the Amherst Bank, ordering that all money be paid to me under conditions that I was to keep him on the farm for the rest of my life.

"These orders were dated October 28. Later Hammond became sick. I called in a Barre doctor, but he prescribed the same treatment which I had been giving Hammond. Later he became very ill, and I insisted that Dr. Bixby come to the house.

She Shot a Man.

"November 21 he went to the barn to Foreman Flynn and told him that he was worrying, as the order on the Ware Bank which he had signed had been blotted, and that he feared things would not be right. Hammond drew up another order, and I went to Ware and collected $1,000, which was on deposit. I collected this before his death."

According to Deputy Sheriff Rice, this is not the first time Mrs. Bemis has been in the public eye. In September, 1897, she shot a man who was boarding at her house. She was arraigned before Trial Justice Walker and was held in $2,000 bail for the Grand Jury. No bill was found against her, however.

At the time, she stated that the man had been drinking hard and was creating a disturbance in her house. She went to his room where he was and remonstrated with him when he tried to throw her out. Then she shot him in the neck in self-defence.

On June 28, 1904, Annie E. Patterson, a boarder, died in Mrs. Bemis's house as a result of drinking wood alcohol, according to the report of Medical Examiner Chamberlain of Rutland.

JUST AS DAVID SLEW GOLIATH

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 27.—The Biblical combat in which the sturdy youth David slew the giant Goliath with a pebble from a sling was given a modern repetition near here. Henry Jones, an eighteen-year-old boy, is alleged to have killed Mitchell Shadrock, a giant, whose height is seven feet and weight about 350 pounds, by hurling at him a stone about the size of a walnut. It struck him behind the left ear, and after running around in a circle for several minutes the giant fell dead.

BULLET IN HEAD 4 YEARS.

BRIDGEPORT, Ct., Dec. 27.—Charles P. Wondin has just died as the result of an attempt at suicide four years ago, when he fired a bullet into his head.

NEW BEDFORD SHOE FIRM HAS ASSIGNED

Hathaway, Soule & Harrington Voluntarily Turn Over Affairs to Their Creditors.

EXPECT TO PAY ALL CLAIMS

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 27.—The voluntary assignment of Hathaway, Soule & Harrington, Incorporated, shoe manufacturers, with a large factory in this city, was announced to-day.

Thomas F. Dillon of Boston, counsel for the Boston Boot and Shoe Mercantile Agency, is the assignee. The treasurer of the corporation is Herbert A. Harrington of Boston, and Rufus A. Soule of this city is president. It is expected that all creditors will be paid in full.

No accurate statement of the affairs of the corporation was given out, but it is understood that the principal creditors are several banks that have made loans and wholesale dealers in leather and shoe supplies.

Factory Will Not Close.

Harry C. Jenney, superintendent of the factory, stated that the factory will not close at present.

The factory was established in this city in July, 1865, by Savory C. Hathaway. Rufus A. Soule joined him as partner in October of that year. Herbert A. Harrington was admitted in 1876.

The business increased and factories were established in Middleboro and Campbello. The firm was incorporated in June, 1889.

ROCKEFELLER GIVES $20,000 TO BROOKLYN

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—John D. Rockefeller has come to the rescue of Brooklyn's new Academy of Music with a $20,000 subscription. Technically, he bought stock with the money, but there are few sanguine enough to believe that the venture ever will repay the head of the Standard Oil interests in the shape of dividends.

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Our Great Annual Reduction Sale will begin today. Our store was closed yesterday afternoon as it was a year ago in order to sort out all the Odds and Ends remaining from the season's business, which we shall begin to close out today at merely nominal prices, so as to effectively clean up and reduce the entire stock in all departments. The following are sample Items:

Men's Clothing

35.00 and 40.00 Silk Lined Overcoats .... 25.00 and 30.00
20.00 and 25.00 Kersey and Melton Overcoats .... 15.00 and 20.00
20.00, 25.00 and 30.00 Glengarry Coats .... 15.00 and 20.00
20.00 and 30.00 Suits .... 15.00 and 20.00
15.00 and 20.00 Suits 10.00

Youths' Clothing

10.00, 12.00 and 15.00 Youths' Suits .... 6.00 and 8.00

Boys' Clothing

6.00, 8.00 and 10.00 2-Piece Suits .... 4.00, 5.00 and 6.00
8.00, 10.00 and 12.00 3-Piece Suits .... 5.00, 6.00 and 8.00
8.00, 10.00 and 12.00 Overcoats .... 6.00, 8.00 and 10.00

Juvenile Clothing

7.00, 8.00 and 10.00 Overcoats .... 5.00, 6.00 and 8.00
8.00 and 10.00 Reefers .... 6.00 and 8.00
5.00, 6.00 and 8.00 Suits .... 3.00, 4.00 and 5.00

Men's Furnishing Goods

5.00 Smoking Jacket 3.00
5.00 Bath Robes 3.50
1.25 Underwear 85c

Hat Department

3.00 Men's Soft Hats 1.75
5.00 Suit Cases 3.75
1.75 Umbrellas 1.15

Men's Boots

4.00 and 5.00 Boots 2.95
2.00 and 2.50 Slippers 1.00
3.00 Boys' Boots 1.25

Ladies' Boots

3.50 and 5.00 Boots 2.95
3.50 Boots 1.95
1.00 Turkish Slippers 65c

Ladies' Suits

40.00 and 45.00 Suits 35.00
25.00 and 30.00 Suits 18.50
25.00 and 35.00 Suits (odd sizes) 12.50

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FIGHT FOR CHASE MILLION IS ON; BROTHERS TO TESTIFY

RELATIVES OF RICH WOMAN CALLED TO-DAY

Hope to Refute Story Told by Dr. Horace Chase During First Day of Trial.

INQUEST IS ON IN LYNN

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most trying hours of his life upon the witness stand in the Police Probate Court before Judge Harmon, but at the evening adjournment seemed as fresh as at the beginning and stepped as nimbly from the witness stand as he might at the age of twenty-four.

Erect and symmetrical in build, six feet and over in height, Dr. Chase towered above the judge and above the attorneys, and he answered the most pointedly and carefully framed questions of a personal nature with a nonchalance that bespoke his long experience with people and affairs.

Scores His Relatives.

Once his right foot slipped and he was precipitated downward half a foot. In one of his years an injury might have been expected, perhaps a dislocated hip or at least a severe sprain; but the doctor scarcely paused in his testimony, caught the rail of the witness box firmly with both hands and swung himself up to his old position and scarcely lost the thread of what he was saying.

The witness stood firmly upon his feet. No nervousness was displayed. Occasionally he leaned forward to catch an approving word in the question asked. Half a dozen glasses of water were supplied to him. He sipped it a mouthful at a time and testified between the sips. Some tearns were shed by him at references to his departed wife. Occasionally there was something appealing in his tone and deferential gestures. The nearest approach to harsh words was when the relatives of his dead wife were mentioned.

Then the doctor was inclined to score the relatives. He said they ceased to speak to his wife so he ceased to visit them. Through an acquaintance made with her brothers when they were the pastors he became acquainted with their sister, he said, and they made no objection to her marriage.

Kept Will in His Vault.

"Where has the will been?" Dr. Chase was asked in cross-examination.

"I had the will in my vault at the old Colony Trust Company," was the answer.

"Tell us where that will has been since the time it was signed." "Well, after it was signed Mrs. Chase gave it to me, and I put it in my desk in the house and some time afterwards as a result of conversation I had with Mrs. Chase I took it to my vault at the old Colony Trust Company and placed it there."

"Didn't Mrs. Chase have a place to deposit it?" "Well, she had no place in the bank, and very few valuables were kept in the bank."

"Well, she had a private place in the house?" "Yes, she did."

"Tell us where it was?" She had a place in the closet leading out of our room. She took up a portion of the floor, and had a heavy wire netting made which fitted into the hole of the floor, and here she kept her jewelry."

"Who had entrance to the old Colony Trust Company box?" "I and my son."

"What else was in that box?" "There were several other papers in the box, including a deed for some land and a marriage certificate."

Dr. Chase was on the stand when court adjourned. He may be recalled for a few minutes today, or by arrangement with counsel be excused until he testifies at the

It is expected relatives of the dead woman will be called to testify in the case today. They include Warren W., Charles E. and Dudley K. Phillips of Swampscott, brothers of Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Gage Mosely, her sister.

LAWYER, NURSE DR. CHASE & ATTENDENT

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FIGURES IN CHASE WILL CONTEST

Court scenes, principals, lawyers and witnesses sketched and photographed by BOSTON AMERICAN staff artists and photographers at Salem.

JEROME SEEKS INSURANCE RUG WORTH $15,000

Policyholders' Money Paid for It—Now in Official's Mansion.

By Boston American Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. The Armstrong Investigating Committee of the State Legislature, which is now engaged in probing the affairs of the great life insurance companies, will today consider the report of "Judge" Andrew Hamilton, legislative agent at Albany for the New York Life Insurance Company. The "Judge" is ill in Paris. He refuses to return to testify before the committee, but sent his written statement to the trustees of the company by young John C. McCall, son of the president of the New York Life. The report will be turned over by them to the committee. It is known that the principal points made by Hamilton are:

Yelps of the "Yellow Dog."

First—He admits that he may owe the New York Life Insurance company money because of his failure heretofore to give an account to the company of money expended by him at Albany.

Second—He asserts that in connection with legislation in the interest of the New York Life it was necessary for him to make payments to persons not lawyers, but that under no consideration will he make public the names of those persons to whom he paid money.

Third—While not a specific financial account, the Hamilton report consists of a presentation of the reasons for the lump-sum payments Hamilton made out of the $225,000 given him by President McCall.

"Door Mat" Thieves.

This is the so-called "Yellow Dog" fund.

Aside from the meeting of the Armstrong committee to-day one of the principal events in the present life insurance investigations is the probing by District Attorney Jerome of the charge that there is, in the mansion of the president of one of the great insurance companies, a rug which cost the policy holders $15,000, and which has been confected, most after the manner of "door mat" thieves, by the official in question.

The trustees of the Mutual Life Insurance Company will hold an important meeting today. It is rumored that the trustees may demand the resignation of almost every officer of the company, including Temporary President Frederick Cromwell and Directors Richard A. McCurdy and all others who shared in the diversion of the Lawyers' Mortgage Company stock from the Mutual to themselves.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Father John's Medicine Cures Colds or Money Back

Not a Patent Medicine

LITTLE BOY OF 2, MOTHERLESS, WILL FIND HOME

Prayed Santa Claus to Bring His Mamma Back Without Avail.

Little Royal Rice, the two-year-old boy whose mother has not been heard from for four months, and who prayed that Santa Claus might bring him back his mama for a Christmas present, although apparently forgotten by Santa, is likely to find a good home through the BOSTON AMERICAN.

Two women have written to the present custodians of the child, begging them to be allowed to adopt him. Both women say in their letters that they fell in love with the boy when they saw his picture in the BOSTON AMERICAN and read his story. These women, Mrs. Fred Pinkham of No. 123 Park street, Attleboro, and Mrs. James H. Darrah of Middleton, say they are well able to care for the child and bring it up as their own.

The family at Cliff Cottage on Vining street, Malden, who have the child at present, have four children of their own, and although they have become attached to little Royal, they do not feel able to bring him up properly. They are considering the offers of adoption received, and if there are no legal difficulties, they are willing and anxious to see the boy in a good home.

The boy went with the Cliff cottage family eighteen months ago. His mother was a widow and poor. She had three other children. Up to four months ago she paid the child's board regularly. Then her payments stopped and she has not been heard from since. Inquiries have failed to locate her. She secured a home for Royal, her youngest, very much, and his present guardians cannot account for her silence.

LOEB GETS SON AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—William Loeb, secretary to President Roosevelt, has adopted the views of his chief on race suicide. The stork visited the home of the secretary at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, bringing a fine boy as a Christmas gift. This is the first child born to the couple.

President Roosevelt was the first person notified of the arrival. A telephone message was sent to the executive offices and a messenger went to the White House to convey the news to the President. He beamed and expressed his pleasure.

GAVE DOG THOUSANDS AND JANITRESS $2

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—"My dog Is well provided for."

In these six words Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in America, confirmed to a reporter for the AMERICAN the tale of marvellous good fortune which has befallen her pet terrier, Bewsy. His wealthy mistress has settled a fund upon him and given him a big bank account in the Chemical National Bank. In striking contrast to this is the fact that Mrs. Green gave a faithful janitress a $2 tip at Christmas.

$15,000 FIRE RUINS BUSINESS BLOCK

PENACOOK, N. H., Dec. 27. A fire practically ruined the three-story Merchants' Exchange block, the principal business building here, and caused heavy loss to the occupants. It is believed to have started in Exchange Hall, where there was a dance. The damage to the building is about $15,000.

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WINTER GALES DELAY HYMEN

NORTH ADAMS, Dec. 27.—The wedding of the Marquis de Clermont, known here as Hubert Nomen, to the Duchess Marguerite de Peathievre of the French nobility, has been postponed from January 20 to some time in May, as the bride-to-be objects to her fiance crossing the water at this time of the year.

Mr. Nomen is very popular with the young people in this city. He was born in France sixty-three years ago, but has lived in this country for nearly thirty years, visiting his native land at frequent intervals. He came to this city December 21, 1896, and has since come into prominence through his notable chess matches. He has traveled extensively and speaks several languages fluently. He is a lay member of the Order of Knights of the East of his family. Last Summer Mr. Nomen is said to have cleaned up $75,000 in a little flyer in cotton.

RAISE AZALEA CAPTAIN'S PAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. At the suggestion of Admiral Dewey, made to Captain Sobrer, naval secretary to the light house board, Captain Gibbs of the light ship tender Azalea has received a substantial increase in his salary as a result of his prompt action in going to the rescue of Lightship 58 when she was adrift and floundering off Nantucket. All the members of the crew of "58" who were rescued by Captain Gibbs and his men have been provided with new places on other lightships, and their pay soon began again, though it stopped, because of official red tape, the day the lightship went down.

Dangerous Two-Cent Economy

Is taking cheap gingers for soldier's itch. Sanford's costs but little more. Look for the owl.

$10,000 FIRE IN SAVINGS BANK BLOCK

Blaze Starts in Basement and Burns to the Second Floor.

DISCOVERED BY LODGERS

A blaze in the four-story marble building owned and partly occupied by the Boston Penny Savings Bank, at Nos. 1,371, 1,373 and 1,375 Washington street, at an early hour to-day, did about $10,000 damage. The fire was confined principally to the cellar and first floor.

It was discovered in the basement in the rear part of the building, in the plumbing and steam fitting shop of Bourke & Co. It burned up to the second floor, by which time smoke was dense and the firemen had great difficulty in successfully fighting the blaze. The origin is unknown, but there were several plaves burning at the same time.

It was about 3:30 o'clock when Isaac Wood and William Bailey, who have rooms on the third floor, smelled smoke. They investigated and found the fire. They turned in the alarm, the chemical company first responding. Two other alarms were afterward turned in.

The first floor of the building is occupied by the bank, and all the windows were smashed and the office was gutted. Cashier W. H. Durkee estimates the total loss at $10,000.

QUIT HUSBAND; FEARED TEMPER

BATH, Me., Dec. 27. Because of the waywardness of their fourteen-year-old son, Earl, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver A. Webber have separated. Last Saturday night she left her home about midnight, clad only in a night robe, stockings and shawl, and went to the home of a neighbor, where she has since remained. She stated as her reason that their boy had run away and she feared that this would cause Mr. Webber to become so enraged that he would do something desperate.

Mr. Webber admitted his temper, but stated that the boy's actions caused a portion of it, and that a bad stomach trouble contracted during service in the Spanish-American war, aggravated it. It was always this son who was the habit of running away, so it was decided to send him to the State school for boys at Portland.

GIRL WINS IN LEGAL FIGHT FOR FORTUNE

Jury Allows Claim of Miss Bessie Walker to Half Grandfather's Estate.

TO SHARE $75,000 LEGACY

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. Miss Bessie Clifton Walker of Providence, R. I., has succeeded in breaking the will of her grandfather, General William R. Walker of Pawtucket, one of Rhode Island's greatest merchants, and will receive one-half of the $75,000 estate.

She is the only child of the late George Clifton Walker, who died when she was quite young. Highly accomplished, and possessed of vocal and musical talent, Miss Walker is a leader among the younger social set of the city.

Favorite Granddaughter.

After the death of her father, Miss Walker, then a little girl, as the request of her grandfather, went to live with him at his mansion in Pawtucket. There she lived with him until a year before his death. She was his favorite. All her wishes were gratified. Nothing that she wanted was denied her by her indulgent grandparent, who fairly worshipped her. She attended private schools and later entered the Friend School in Providence.

She passed much time with her grandfather during his last illness, and was with him when he died.

When her uncle, W. Howard Walker, read the will she found it gave her $10 a month during the lifetime of General Walker's widow, and thereafter $50 a month during her life, and $8,000 to her children, if any should be born to her.

She told her uncle that she believed that undue influence had been used on her grandfather and that she would fight the case in court. With this determination she sought the services of the Hon. John W. Hogan, one of the cleverest lawyers in Providence.

The preliminary stages were thrashed out, and the final battle came up in the Superior Court at Providence. For over two weeks the battle was waged. Over forty witnesses were introduced for the will. All were prominent residents of the State, including ex-Governor and now Mayor-elect of Providence Elisha Dyer, Collector of the Port and leader of the Republican machine Ellery Wilson, ex-Lieutenant-Governor Governor George L. Ulher, and any number of Masons of high degree.

Girl Stood Alone.

Against these men of prominence Miss Walker stood almost alone. Her case looked hopeless. When, however, he took the stand in her own behalf, she stood the withering cross-examination of the famous counsel on the other side without flinching, and without leaving any opening in her testimony during the IX hours' ordeal.

CRAZY, DROVE SIX DAYS WITH BABES IN WAGON

Made His Five Small Children Sleep in Open Air—Some in Critical Condition.

GAVE CAPTORS HARD FIGHT

MYSTIC, Ct., Dec. 27.—With his five small children as prisoners in a box wagon and suffering terribly from cold and hunger, Hayden Watrous, a middle-aged man living at this place, has been travelling about the State for the past six days. He was recovering from a spell of madness when he became suddenly insane. Then it was that he began his itinerant begging of food from house to house, not allowing his children to leave the wagon.

The father and children slept on the wagon every night and on but one occasion did he seek shelter. In consequence, the little ones welcomed their capture. The youngest of the children, about two years old, is nearly dead.

Chased Over State.

The insane man's brother started in pursuit of Watrous a day or two after he left home and found traces of him in several towns throughout the State, but not as he seemed about to overtake him the trail was lost and Watrous was not caught until last night.

When he saw his brother Hayden Watrous began to fight and it was only after a desperate struggle that he was subdued. He was bound with rope and put in a cart, thence and brought to the station here and later taken to his home, his brother going with him. The children were suffering terribly from the lack of food and clothing and some of them are said to be in a critical condition.

Slept in Open Air.

Watrous was overpowered near Killing worth, about thirty miles from Mystic, and the children were given food and clothing and were cared for by persons in the town. The children slept in the open air, for on only one night did Watrous seek shelter under a shed. Watrous was arrested, it is said, and threatened several times to shoot people who tried to interfere with his trip.

BOURKE COCKRAN ILL AT WALDORF

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Bourke Cockran is ill at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, and his physician has advised a trip to Arizona, in the hopes that a change in climate will benefit Mr. Cockran. When Mr. Cockran was taken with severe cold ten days ago it was thought by his friends that he would be confined to his room for a few days, but symptoms of pneumonia developed, and he has been almost constantly under the care of physicians.

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PRETTY MILL GIRL APPEARS AS WIDOW AND CLAIMS $500,000 ESTATE

New Hampshire Sensation in Fight for Property Left by Charles H. Smith, Who After Meteoric Career Left Fortune by Will to His Sister.

Remarkable Facts in Rich Man's Romance With Poor Mill Girl

Charles H. Smith, born in Newmarket, N. H., 1849; died in Boston, Nov. 15, 1905.

Left estate valued at $500,000 to sister, Miss Alice G. Smith.

Mary Lambert, formerly a poor mill girl in Newmarket, announces that she is his widow and claims the estate.

Smith met her in 1896 and took her to Nice, France, where she has lived on his estate ever since. She was then nineteen years old and he was forty-seven.

His property is located in Newmarket, Boston, London, Nice, Cape Town, South Africa, St. Augustine, Fla., and Orlando, Fla.

He was State Representative at age of twenty-one, then private secretary to Congressman Frank Jones, millionaire brewer of Portsmouth, and reading clerk of the National House of Representatives. He lived abroad for several years.

Special to the Boston American.

NEWMARKET, N. H., Dec. 27. Miss Mary Lambert, formerly a poor mill girl here, who has returned to this country from Nice, France, and engaged counsel, is fighting for a share of the estate left by the late "Charlie" Smith, who, in the course of a meteoric career in this country and abroad, accumulated a fortune worth at least $500,000.

In addition to her declaration that she is the widow of Mr. Smith, comes the sensational report that no trace can be found of much of the property Mr. Smith is known to have possessed in various parts of the world from Cape Town, South Africa, to Newmarket.

"Charlie" Smith always looked upon New market as his home, although he had not lived here for many years. He visited the town once a year and remained for about four weeks looking after his property. It was in 1896, on the occasion of his annual visit, that he met Miss Lambert, a pretty little French girl of nineteen. She was working in one of the mills here then, and lived in a room in the National Block building, adjoining the rooms occupied by Smith as offices. During the remainder of four weeks here, and was in Miss Lambert's company a great part of the time. His attentions to the poor mill girl was the talk of the town until at last he persuaded her to accompany him to France, where it is said she has lived on his estate in Nice ever since.

She Engages Counsel.

Some of the people here declare that they have heard that a marriage took place in France, others are positive this did not and there simply was his housekeeper and private secretary. When she returned to this country shortly after Mr. Smith's death on November 15 of this year, she went directly to Portsmouth, where she has many friends, and engaged Attorney John E. Kelley as counsel to prosecute her claims against the estate. He has already filed one claim or notice and he need not be surprised if there will find has another claim that he will file in the near future.

By a will dated in 1893 Smith's sister, Miss Alice G. Smith, was made sole beneficiary, and it was understood in the will that she was to receive the residuary estate was named as the sole beneficiary. The property left by Smith is located in Newmarket, Boston, London, Cape Town, South Africa, St. Augustine and Orlando, Fla.

This will was presented at a session of the Probate Court for Rockingham County at Raymond, on November 28, thirteen days after Smith's death. In the will Miss Smith was named as sole beneficiary and she was named as executrix without bonds, and she was named as the sole beneficiary.

The Court appointed Miss Smith executrix in accordance with the terms of the will and no one suspected that any further developments would arise.

Then Came Mary Lambert.

Then suddenly arrived Mary Lambert, who announced that she intended to secure for herself at least a part of the property left by Smith and declared that she was his widow. Any one of these claims would have created a sensation and the combination furnished quite a stir in the state. Smith's career reads like a romance from his early youth, and Mary Lambert's part in the story adds the touch of mystery to make the romance engrossing.

Attorney J. F. George of this town has been engaged as counsel by Miss Smith. He was seen by a BOSTON AMERICAN reporter and said:

"I should like to meet and talk this matter over with Miss Alice Gertrude Smith, as she says she is, and with Carl Mellows, at whose home Mr. Smith died. I do not believe that Miss Lambert can make good her claim as Mr. Smith's widow, although I admit that she has a claim against the estate as a confidential clerk that amounts to a small fortune.

"There is certain property that we believe Mr. Smith owned of which we can find absolutely no trace among his papers. I think that Miss Lambert might be able to throw some light on this matter. At least as his private secretary she should be able to give a complete account of the various properties that he possessed.

Mr. Smith's Last Hours.

"I would like to see Mr. Mellows regarding Mr. Smith's last hours. I want to know what he said, if anything, about his estate and about Miss Lambert, and I would like to have Mr. Mellows tell what he knows, if he knows anything, about Mr. Smith's property.

"The whereabouts of Miss Lambert, or Mrs. Smith, is not known, as it is believed by most people here that she is in Portsmouth with friends, but Mr. George has been unable to locate her. Her attorney, Mr. Kelley, gave no information as to where she is at present.

Miss Smith, the beneficiary under the will that has been probated, has little to say about the case. To a BOSTON AMERICAN reporter she said to-day:

"Of course I ought not to discuss this matter at all. I saw but little of my brother during the latter years of his life, because there were things about which we did not agree. I do not know the value of his estate and I know absolutely nothing about his reported marriage with Miss Lambert. I do not believe that they were married.

Hunt for Property.

Meanwhile a thorough hunt is being made for the bulk of the fortune. Aside from some stray papers that indicate a large fortune no material trace can be found of property worth more than $200,000. But from stocks and mortgages among his papers it is readily seen that the properties are worth much more than this amount.

Charles H. Smith was born in this town in 1849. He lived on the home of his friend, Carl P. Mellows, and his mother, Mrs. Lottie Lathrop Mellows, No. 2 Jefferson Hill, Trinity Court, Portsmouth street, Boston, on November 15, 1905. Charlie Smith and Carl Mellows had been chums in boyhood days in Newmarket.

Smith's remarkable career began when, at the age of twenty-one, he was elected a Representative to the New Hampshire State Legislature. He sprang into prominence at once and served for two terms as clerk of the House. Old-time politicians still tell of "Charlie" Smith's sudden rise to prominence. They say that he was the most capable clerk the Legislature has ever known and his work reflected great credit on himself.

Frank Jones's Protege.

The young man's energy and efficiency attracted the attention of the late Frank Jones, the Portsmouth millionaire brewer, who was then taking an active part in politics and was one of the congressmen from New Hampshire. At the close of Smith's second term as clerk of the State House of Representatives Mr. Jones offered him the post of private secretary, Smith accepted and went to Washington, where he served with Mr. Jones for one year, and during that time attained much prominence and made many friends. Baronial friends that he was appointed reading clerk in the National House of Representatives.

Smith served as reading clerk for a number of years, and, as he does in all other positions, attracted attention by his remarkable efficiency and his genius. During this time he became engaged to marry Mr. Jones's step-sister, but the engagement was broken. She afterwards became the wife of the late Rev. Dr. Sinclair.

During his third terms as reading clerk Smith learned of an impending pension bill that was to be put through Congress, and he tendered his resignation, after making a contract with an outside party to open a pension office in Washington. His action was looked upon with suspicion, and his resignation was refused for a time. A committee was appointed to investigate the facts connected with his resignation, but it reported that, while Smith's action was not criminal it was decidedly indelicate in taking advantage for his personal gain of information he received as reading clerk. His resignation was then accepted.

Smith Quite America.

He returned to Newmarket and practised law for a time. Meanwhile he devoted himself to the study modern languages. He was a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Yale College and the Harvard Law School. After remaining in Newmarket for a while he went to Heidelberg to perfect himself in languages. This marked the end of his American career, except for his annual visits.

Completing his studies at the German university he travelled for about twelve years. His interests in South Africa were obtained at the time of the Boer War. His Boston property consisted of a residence at No. 25 Hancock street, at one time the home of E. H. H. White.

In 1903 Smith returned to this country for a time and purchased the Manchester News, which he conducted for about four weeks. This did not turn out to be a successful venture and he suspended publication, letting the franchise go by default. He returned to this country again in June last to look after the nine lawsuits that had been brought out of his connection with the News, and Attorney Wallace B. Clement of Manchester, his counsel, had arranged for the disposition of the cases during the September term of court. But Smith's failing health prevented it. On leaving Manchester when the News proposition came to its sudden end he remarked to his friends, "I am going back to France and to my wife."

GIRL SEEKS TO CARRY MAILS OVER SNOWS OF HOOSAC RANGE

MARGARET C. FLYNN, WANTS MAIL ROUTE.

Undaunted by Wintry Blasts, Applies for Route from Becket to Washington, 1900 Feet Above the Sea.

Special to the Boston American.

BECKET, Dec. 27. Undaunted by the terrific cold blasts that sweep over the Hoosac Range in Winter, and the deep snows that pile up in drifts so deep that the farmers of the mountain towns of Becket and Washington are cut off from communication with these towns for days at a time, Miss Margaret C. Flynn, a girl of twenty-three years, a daughter of the Becket Hills, has applied for the position of rural mail carrier for a new route to be opened this Winter between Becket and Washington.

Washington has an elevation of 1,900 feet above the sea level, and is on the divide between the Housatonic and Connecticut Rivers. Becket lies a little below the former town, a thickly cold district with less than 1,000 population.

Has Courage and Grit.

To brave the winds and weather of these heights in Winter tests the strength of the hardiest mountaineer, but Miss Flynn has the courage and grit to apply for a position which will take her over the hills six days in the week in every kind of weather.

Last Saturday she appeared before a board of Civil Service Examiners in Pittsfield and took the examination for the position with Sidney F. Rice and Albert E. Moger, both strong young men of Becket.

Miss Flynn is the daughter of a Becket farmer who tills a small and barren farm more than a mile east of the little village, which contains the store, church, postoffice and depot. She has always lived in Becket and has been brought up on the farm, where she has lived an out-of-door life. She knows the way of the woods, where the trout are to be taken in early Spring days, and she shoots quail and partridge in the open season.

Knows Every Foot of Way.

Her hardy physique will stand her in good stead if she is lucky enough to secure the appointment of rural carrier.

"I have been over every foot of the rural route," she said Saturday, "and I have no fear of the cold and dangers of the road. Up in Becket we dress for the weather, and I have tramped into town day after day to Whiteis post for the mail and supplies, and I know all there is to learn about the weather, and I do not fear the exposure. I have never been ill a day in my life and I have studied the rules and requirements of a rural carrier and I believe I can do the work as well as a man."

SHOE CUTTERS OUT ON STRIKE

AUBURN, Me., Dec. 27. Thirty-four cutters of the No. 2 shop of the National Shoemakers have gone out on strike, claiming the company rejected a piece list. The firm declines to treat with the men as unionists.

One of the men said: "The cutters are anxious to avoid a strike as any one else, but we are determined to hold out unless the firm is willing to treat in regard to the price list with our committee. We feel that the firm should grant us a conference on the matter to adjust such differences as may appear."

A member of the firm said: "We have no fight against the union or the spirit of unionism, but we prefer to run an open shop and deal justly with all operatives."

GET $5,000 FROM ITALIAN LEGACY

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 27.—After trying for eight years to secure possession of an inheritance in Italy, and finally appealing to the American consul at Venice, James, Justin and Frederick O'Rourke, employed in a local shoe factory, have received as a sort of holiday gift a check for $5,000, the first instalment of about $15,000 which is coming to them.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Father Johnson's Medicine Presents Consumption

No Alcohol or Poisonous Drugs.

PIANO WORKERS GIVE EMPLOYER PORTRAIT

The employes of Charles D. Blake & Co., the piano manufacturers, have presented Hallie C. Blake, a member of the firm, with a life-size oil painting of himself in token of the esteem in which he is held by every one in the great factory.

The presentation was made by Mr. Bemister in the warerooms of the firm at No. 564 Washington street, and Mr. Blake accepted the gift in fitting terms.

The action of his employes was a complete surprise to Mr. Blake, who knew nothing of the plan until the portrait was presented.

SMALLPOX SUSPECTS FLEE.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 27.—Health officers are in pursuit of twelve men who broke quarantine in a lumber camp in Queen's County because of smallpox.

The 1906 White Carnival!

After-Holiday Reduction Sales

Telephone 2500 Oxford — All Mail Orders Carefully Filled

STRICTLY FIREPROOF THROUGHOUT.

HENRY SIEGEL CO.

WASHINGTON & ESSEX STS.

The Palatial Restaurant is a Delightful Place to Eat Your Luncheon—Fifth Floor—Music

HUGE QUANTITIES OF HOUSEHOLD WARES

OFFERED AT PRICES THAT WARRANT THE QUICK ATTENTION OF EVERY LOVER OF THRIFTY PURCHASING

House and kitchen contrivances of every sort. A sale that should be attended with great profit by householders, hotel keepers, proprietors of boarding houses, restaurants; stewards of clubs—in fact, everyone who has a need for linens, whether the need be large or small.

Housefurnishings—Clearance

Price Reductions So Important That Savings Amount to Many Dollars

Absolute dispersal of thousands of dollars worth of Home Requisites at prices that for littleness will prove an instantaneous and powerful attraction. Homes are made happier—work is lightened—economy is more easily exercised if provided with just such needed conveniences.

Buy Now---While Prices are Lowest

Wooden Ware

Step Ladder Chairs. Hard wood nicely varnished, regular price $1.25. Reduced to **75c**

Hard Wood Comb and Brush Holder. Reduced to 5c

Hard Wood Towel Roller, nicely made. Reduced to 10c

Sleeve Boards, plain or covered, usually sold up to 35c. Reduced to 19c

7 Arm Clothes Dryer, to hang on the wall. Folds up when not in use. Reduced to 10c

Ham Cutting Boards, with handle. Reduced to 10c

Hard Wood Knife Box. Reduced to 10c

Hard Wood Round Chopping Bowls. Regular 10c. reduced to 5c

Spice Cabinets, Hard wood. 8 drawer, were $1.00, reduced to **49c**

6 drawer, were 75c., reduced to **39c**

Scrubbing Brushes, a variety of shapes, worth 25c. Reduced to 10c

Dry Mops for Hard Wood Floors. Regular price 30c. Reduced to 21c

$2.00 Waxing Brush, weighted, all bristles. Reduced to $1.25

Parlor Corn Broom, 4-sewed, light weight, good quality. Regular 30c kind, reduced to, each, **19c**

Not over 2 to a customer.

Round Clothes Hampers, braided top, our regular $1.50 kind, reduced to, **98c**

Curtain Stretchers, nickel pins, centre brace. Regular price 75c, reduced to, per set 49c

Curtain Stretchers, with easel back with measure and nickel plated pins, regular $1.50, reduced to, per set **98c**

Tin Ware

Bread Raiser, with foot and ventilated cover. Usually 50c. Reduced to **25c**

Rotary Victor Flour Sifter, 15c. kind. Reduced to 10c

Japanned Dust Pan, full size, 5c. Reduced to 5c

½ Covered Japanned Dust Pan, reduced to 10c

6-quart Tea Kettle. Heavy tin, copper bottom. Regular 59c., reduced to 39c

Universal Steam Cookers, made of heavy charcoal block tin, 23-qt. size, 3 compartments, regularly $2.50, sale price **98c**

California Toasters, universally known. Regular 25c. Reduced to 19c

Pudding Steamers, 3-quart size, 50c. kind 25c

Japanned Spice Box, 6 round inside boxes, 59c. kind, for **25c**

Japanned Umbrella Stands, reduced to **29c**

Every Day Needs

Stove Polish—Milkeen's Parlor Pride, paste or liquid. Regular price 10c. Reduced to 6c

None to dealers. Not over 8 to a customer.

Sewing Machine Oil—Large bottle, 10c size, reduced to, a bottle 3c

"Furniture Polish," Leavitt's, regular price 12c, reduced to, per bottle 7c

Liquid Bluing, quart size; regular price 10c, reduced to, per bottle ... 5c

Ammonia, ½ gallon jumbo bottle, regular 15c; reduced to, per bottle 10c

Le Page's Glue, 15c size can for, 10c can 10c

Putz Polish, liquid, red or white, standard makes of Meyers, Borsman, or Ediths. Regular price 20c, reduced to, can 12c

Ironing Wax, regular price 12c. dozens, reduced to, dozen 5c

None to dealers, one dozen only to a customer.

Wax Tapers, 30 in a box, will not drip. 4 boxes for 10c

WHITE-WAX-TAPERS

Gas Torch, like cut, usually 25c. Reduced to 10c

Wood Tooth Picks—The World's Fair Round Pointed, best quality. Regular price 5c. per box, reduced to per box 3c

Toilet Paper—Best Quality Tissue. Regular 5c package. Special, reduced to 10 packages for 25c

Choice of rolls or packages.

Only one lot to a customer—None to dealers.

Grey Enamel Ware

6 Quart Cooking Pot. Side Handles. Regular price 35c. Reduced to 19c

Buckets, with cover, bail handle, 3 and 4 quarts sizes. Regular 30c and 35c. Reduced to 19c

8-quart Lipped Stewing Kettles. Bailed handle. Regular 35c size. Reduced to 19c

Wooden Ware

BISSELL'S Standard

$2.25 Bissells' "Standard" Carpet Sweeper. Limited quantity only. Reduced to, each, **$1.50**

Universal Clothes Wringers. Warranted for 3 years. Reduced to **$2.50**

Mop, Wringer and Bucket Combined—Indispensable to the indoor-another labor-saving device priced so all can own one. Regular price $1.50, reduced for this sale to **98c**

Rival Ash Sifters, fit over any ordinary size barrel. Makes no dust. Regular price 75c, reduced to **49c**

Oak Plate Rack, Combination Cup, Saucer and Plate. Regular price $1.25, reduced to 75c

Walnut Finish Clock Shelf, with drawer. Regular price $1.00, reduced to 69c

Folding Card Tables. Size 24x33 in. Extra smooth finished top. Regular price $1.50, reduced to 98c

Wood Snow Shovel. Steel tipped, long handle. Regular 30c kind, reduced to 19c

Lap Boards, fancy striped, with yard measure. Regular 75c., reduced to 49c

Mouse Traps, choice kind, 4 and 5 hole. Regular price 6c and 7c each, reduced to, each 3c

(Basement)

MORE TAFT TRIP FOLKS TO WED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The trip to the Orient conducted by Secretary of War Taft which resulted in the engagement of Miss Alice Roosevelt and Congressman "Nick" Longworth, has resulted in another engagement. Number two is of Miss Mignon De Frees, cousin of Stanley Ireland and Congressman Swager Sherley of Louisville, Ky.

Miss Critten is a friend of Miss Roosevelt, and was a guest of Secretary Taft, as was also Congressman Sherley, and their acquaintance began on the trip. The date of the wedding has not yet been announced, but it was stated by Miss Critten's father that it will take place some time in the Spring.

The bridegroom-elect is thirty-four years old, and is serving his second term in Congress, having been first elected to the Fifty-eighth Congress. He is a lawyer, and is wealthy.

STOLEN MADONNA FOUND.

FLORENCE, Dec. 27.—The precious Madonna Del Papolo, by Lippo Memmi, which was stolen some years ago from the Church of Santa Maria Del Herri, has been recovered at Siena.

THROW SUMMONS AT ROCKEFELLER'S SON

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. William G. Rockefeller, son of William Rockefeller, has been served with a subpoena in the suit of the State of Missouri against the Standard Oil Company. The hearing will take place on January 5. The court officer dropped the summons into Mr. Rockefeller's automobile.

LONDON'S POVERTY WAVE

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Figures just issued show that there are more paupers in London this year than ever before since 1871.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

1-30th

of the entire Quinine production of the World is consumed every year by the makers of

Laxative Bromo Quinine

"Cures a Cold in One Day"

E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 25c

CITY OF BOSTON

POPULAR OFFERING

—OF—

City of Boston Long Time 3½% Bonds

AT PAR

The City Treasurer of Boston will sell at his office, City Hall, Boston, Mass., to any one who may apply in person or by mail, any part of

$2,410,000 CITY OF BOSTON 3½% BONDS

RUNNING 20 AND 30 YEARS

The following gives the details of the various issues:

VARIOUS MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, $320,000.
In pursuance of an order of the City Council of Boston, approved July 29, 1905. Payable Dec. 1, 1925.

HIGHWAYS, MAKING OF, $283,000.
In pursuance of Chap. 323, Acts of Massachusetts 1891. Payable December 1st, 1925.

SEWERAGE WORKS, $200,000.
In pursuance of Chap. 426, Acts of Massachusetts 1897, and amendments. Payable December 1st, 1925.

HIGHWAYS, MAKING OF, $250,000.
In pursuance of Chap. 199, Acts of Massachusetts 1901. Payable December 1st, 1925.

ABOLITION OF GRADE CROSSING, DORCHESTER AVENUE, $757,000.
In pursuance of an order of the City Council of Boston, approved November 27th, 1905. Payable December 1st, 1925.

SEPARATE SYSTEMS OF DRAINAGE, $600,000.
In pursuance of an order of the City Council of Boston, approved September 30th, 1905. Payable December 1st, 1935.

THIS IS AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY ONE WISHING TO INVEST IN THE BEST SECURITIES WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF ANY PREMIUM OR COMMISSION.

The right is reserved to withdraw this offer without notice.

GEORGE U. CROCKER, City Treasurer

MORAN HIRES DETECTIVE OUT OF OWN POCKET

Failing Police Aid in Securing Evidence in Liquor Cases, He Hires Ex-Inspector.

TROUBLE FOR HOTELS NOW

Will District Attorney Moran carry out his threat to proceed against the Parker and Adams houses, Young's and the Essex, if he finds them selling liquor today?

There is every reason to suppose that such is his intention, for he has employed at his personal expense an outside detective to make investigations of what he has declared to be violations of the Quinn law.

It is evident that Mr. Moran has given up all expectation of any information or assistance from the Police Commission or any member of the department which will be of any service in his campaign against the alleged infractions of the law.

As a consequence of the attitude of the Board of Police, and because of his inability to make personal investigation, the District Attorney has employed Michael J. Kelley, formerly an inspector of the Boston Police Department, to pursue the inquiry which he may make the basis of prosecutions.

Began Investigating.

Although in his statement made Saturday evening Mr. Moran announced that he would wait until Tuesday before taking action against the proprietors of the four hotels in court, it did not mean that he would not initiate an investigation before that day. In the employment of Inspector Kelley, Mr. Moran took steps to prepare for the move contemplated today, if, as he said in his Saturday night statement, he finds liquor being sold at the hotels named.

Mr. Kelley began work at once. He took a look at the four hotels with the business of which Mr. Moran is particularly concerned, and he observed just how and under what conditions liquor was being served.

But Mr. Kelley has another task besides ascertaining how the liquor business is being conducted now at the hotels named. He must furnish evidence to show the violations of the screen law which Mr. Moran asserted existed months prior to a few days after he was elected District Attorney. For the prosecution of any one of the hotel keepers named for selling liquor illegally now the District Attorney must have evidence or evidence of the fact that the license was made void some time ago by the persistent sales of liquor while permanent curtains or screens interfered with a view of the premises inside.

To Find Witnesses.

Mr. Kelley is, therefore, charged by the District Attorney apparently with the duty of collecting evidence by finding witnesses or by other means to show that on days hotels liquor was sold while the screens were in place and in force, before the conditions of the licenses.

Mr. Moran has photographs of the several hotel windows showing the screens and curtains in place, but he will have to produce proof or evidence of the sales of liquor while those obstructions were there.

$10,000 FIRE IN SAVINGS BANK

The four-story marble building of the Boston Penny Savings Bank, at the corner of Washington and Dover streets, together with the stock of Decker & Co., steam fitters, who occupied the basement and rear, suffered to the extent of $10,000 by an early morning fire, for which two alarms were pulled in. The fire was discovered by Isaac Woods, aged fifty-five, who sleeps on the second floor.

The fire was confined to the basement and rear of the building, and, although the big front windows of the bank were broken, Treasurer W. H. Durkee said the institution would be open for business as usual to-day.

YERKES RALLIES, BUT CAN'T LIVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The condition of Charles T. Yerkes, the street railway financier and builder of London's underground railway, was slightly improved to-day. Mr. Yerkes was near death at midnight, and his family was summoned to his bedside at the Waldorf.

Mr. Yerkes' case was pronounced hopeless on December 6. Two days ago his disease, which is very painful, began to attack the heart. The patient called rapidly, and last night became unconscious. Early to-day Mr. Yerkes rallied, but the physicians do not think he will live more than two days.

MOTHER TWICE IN 4 MONTHS

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 27. The phenomenon of Mrs. Alfred Witz presenting two babies to her husband within four months is occupying the attention of Albany physicians.

A boy was born August 29 last, and on Saturday a girl came, there being just 119 days between the two births. Both are doing well, and so is the mother.

BRITAIN OFFERS TWO ISLANDS FOR SALE

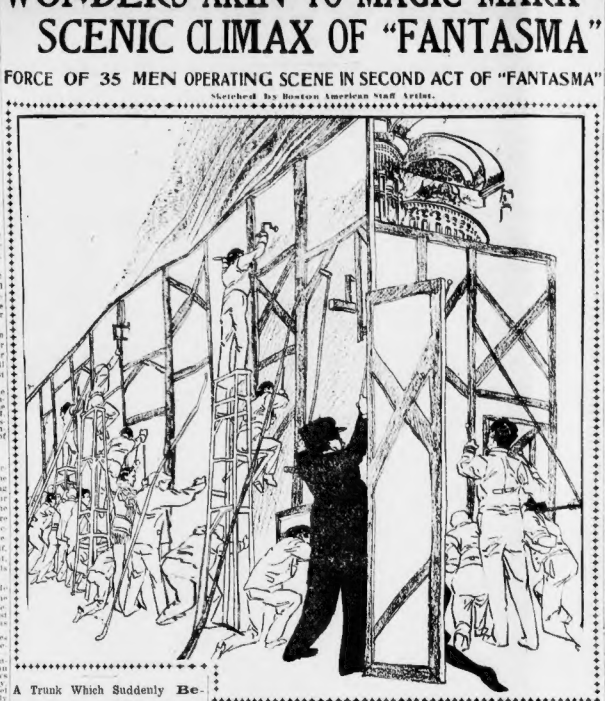
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 27.—Advertisements are published in the papers to-day by the British Government, in which bids are asked for Canning and Washington Islands in the South Pacific. The advertisements read:

"The registrar of His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner's court for the Western aPcific, with the approbation of His Honor the Chief Judicial Commissioner, will at noon, on Tuesday, April 17, 1906, at the registrar's chambers, Suva, Fiji, offer for sale by public auction, without reserve, in one lot, the Canning and Washington Islands."

WONDERS AKIN TO MAGIC MARK SCENIC CLIMAX OF "FANTASMA"

FORCE OF 35 MEN OPERATING SCENE IN SECOND ACT OF "FANTASMA"

Sketched by Boston American Staff Artist.



A Trunk Which Suddenly Becomes an Automobile Most Startling of All.

In Finale of Second Act It Requires 35 Men to Operate the Scene.

No one outside of the stage hands, appreciates the amount of energy, thought and care required to operate the mechanical scenery in such a production as Hanlon Brothers' "Fantasma," now playing at The Majestic Theatre.

Most of the scenic effects are patented, the automobile trick in particular, which required two months of experimenting before it could be operated satisfactorily. The trunk, which suddenly becomes the automobile, weighs 2400 pounds. Its transposition from a plain trunk to an elaborate touring car is very sudden, but it requires an hour or more to put it together again.

The chief scene in the play, from a mechanical standpoint, is the finale of the second act. The stage setting represents a beautiful, well furnished, with pictures, lamps, bric-a-brac, sets of armor, etc., upon the walls. These articles are placed about the floor, and at the rear a bed is seen.

Furniture Plays Tricks.

Poor Peco, the clown, has a terrible time with these articles, for they all move about, constantly eluding him. The chair he is to sit in is suddenly seen to climb the legs of the sofa, the column of the mantle, begins to dance, to revolve, to disappear and reappear in the most tantalizing way.

To operate this scene requires the work of thirty-five different men at the same time. Some of the men operate three different articles. Some of the articles require three men to operate them. One man stands with his foot on a lever and grasps a rope in each hand. Others reach through holes in the scene and twist the lamps around. One man stands with his arms wide apart and jerks the candle upon which rests the bed, causing it to go up and down, first one end and then the other. A very strong man is required to raise the armor, and that revolves upon the wall.

Tricks Are Numbered.

Nearly all of these articles are moved by means of linen cord or strong fish line, called "trick lines." Great care is taken to see that these cords are perfect, for the machinery they operate is made largely of iron for durability, and if the cord should break someone might get hurt.

All the tricks done in "Fantasma" are numbered and are done in a perfect routine. The stage manager stands behind the scene and calls out the number of each trick. When it is completed its paraphernalia is cleared away and another begun. The entrances are almost always filled with skirmishers, arranged in the order of the tricks, but so well trained are the men and so systematic the routine that there is no confusion.

Although there are "stars" who make their appearance before the curtain, the real "stars" in such an extravaganza—pantomime—spectacle—call it what you please—are the stage hands, and they really have to work.

BATH MUSICIANS WED IN PORTSMOUTH

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 27.—Edward L. Gambrau and Miss Lizzie Parris, both of Bath, Me., were married here. They are both well known musicians and their marriage was a surprise to their friends.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

50 Years in Use

Father John's medicine Cures Croup.

SHOT CRAPS AT $1,200 A THROW

CINCINNATI, Dec. 27.—A craps game, in which twelve passes were made with the dice at $1,200 a throw, was played in the Chelmuth Club, and as a result Jesse Mayer won $6,700 from Walter Greenbaum, son of Simon Greenbaum, president of the Ohio Kid and Leather Company. The game began for small stakes that were increased as the total of Greenbaum's losses mounted up into the thousands. It was at this suggestion that $1,200 was the stake for the final twelve throws.

PRESIDENT MORALES REPORTED AS SHOT

PUERTO PLATA, Dec. 27.—President Morales fled from Santo Domingo City capital, yesterday. The Cabinet sent troops after him. Their forces, pursuing Morales, encountered him today with sixty men near San Cristobal and exchanged shots. There are rumors that Morales was wounded in the leg.

Lloyd's Kryptok Bifocal Lenses

"Far" and "Near" lenses combined in a single pair. The coarser forms of bifocal lenses have a small piece pasted on the surface of the larger lens. This collects dirt, gets chipped and grows more and more ill-looking. Kryptoks have perfectly smooth surfaces and are free from all the objections of the common sorts.

A descriptive pamphlet sent on application.

Andrew J. Lloyd & Co.

2 Stores: { Down Town, 318 Washington St. / Back Bay, 310 Boylston St.

Skin Tortures

From Pimples to Scrofula

From infancy to age, are instantly relieved and speedily, permanently, and economically cured by warm baths of CUTICURA SOAP and gentle applications of CUTICURA OINTMENT, when all else fails.

DEATHS.

HAYES—In Cambridgeport, Tuesday, Dec. 26, Mary Agnes (nee Mahoney), beloved wife of Patrick Hayes and mother of Mrs. Robert Peck.

Funeral from her late home, 379 Columbia st, Thursday morning at 8.30, thence to St. Thomas' church, Cambridgeport, at 9 o'clock. Mass of Requiem celebrated. Interment at Calvary. Relatives and friends invited.

HELP WANTED—Male.

NEW YORK CITY DAILY requires special field sales workers; experience not essential; must be a hustler, not afraid of work, weekly salary, office expenses, commission. Call, with references, Room L, U. S. Hotel, U. S. BLAIR VEEY.

SITUATIONS WANTED—Female.

AMERICAN WIDOW would like a position as working housekeeper in widower's family. Address 1261 Tremont street, city. MRS. MAY WELL.

ASTROLOGY.

MISS PALMER—Exceptionally successful medium, 152 Chandler st. Hours 11-9.

BOARD AND ROOMS.

4 RINGGOLD ST.—Front parlor, suitable for 2 gentlemen; private family; all modern conveniences; 1 minute from Boylston st. cars; 1 flight; bath; well heated; side room $3.

3 IN ONE FAMILY WED IN 3 DAYS

NORTH ADAMS, Dec. 27.—Three marriages is the record in the Murray family, which lives at Willow Dell. Two of these marriages were of sons and the third of a daughter.

And yet there are remaining five eligible children. First Fred Murray and May Weymouth were married against parents' consent, but were forgiven. Next Marshall Murray and Leona Courier were married and hurriedly left the city, their parents objecting because of their youth. This morning Miss Florence Murray and Charles J. Bresbisse were married. The parents tendered them and their friends a reception.

BOSTON BEATS NEW YORK AS AN ART CENTRE

Sir Purdon Clarke, Director of Metropolitan Museum, Praises Hub.

MAKES NO RESERVATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. Sir Purdon Clarke, director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, who has secured as his assistant Edward Robinson, formerly director of the Museum of Fine Arts of Boston, declares that Boston is superior to New York in matters of art.

This statement was made in a speech before the Municipal Club at a dinner held in the Hotel Astor, Brooklyn.

Sir Purdon in declaring that some day New York would become the art centre of the world, criticised the method of hanging collections of pictures as a whole, which, under the wills of donors, the Museum is compelled to do.

"This was a surprising statement, in view of the fact that several days ago the management was made aware that George W. Hearn had given a collection of pictures, valued at more than $1,000,000, and $100,000 in money, with the stipulation that the collection should be maintained in the gallery where the pictures are now hung or in some suitable place.

Sir Purdon held to the belief that the government should pass a law some day settling aside the wills of deceased donors who have made this stipulation in leaving to the museum collections of paintings. It was argued by the speaker that in each collection are several pictures of exceptional value, and that they could be hung to better advantage if not restricted pertaining to their retention removed.

That Boston is superior in New York in matters of art was another contention of Sir Purdon Clarke. This statement, however, with no reservation, though the speaker referred to the near approach of a time when New York would become the leading centre of the United States, and eventually become the art centre of both hemispheres.

He was frequently interrupted by bursts of applause. Sir Purdon Clarke declared in no equivocal words that Americans are not encouraged. He said he desired that there shall be held in this city for six successive years, in which the work of American art shall be shown. There are many valuable paintings in the United States, he said, which, if shown at an annual exhibition, would greatly stimulate the efforts of American artists. He added that he did not believe in longer exhibitions, and would urge that the collections be reversed for a special gallery at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

DION'T WANT TO GRIEVE MOTHER

Never mind, mamma, you go to sleep. I'll be all right in the morning," said young Dion Lee, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee of No. 115 West Sec ond street, South Boston, when his mother, after convulsions had led to be sent to the City Hospital. Here it was learned that the boy was suffering from a fracture of the collar bone and numerous bruises on his body from a Decatur Christmas night, he was thrown or fell from a rapidly moving street car.

He struggled painfully home and he was the only one who knew. Various remedies attended himself to his hurts as best he knew how, but he did not want his people to know he had been hurt and only his inability to suffer in silence revealed his trouble to his mother. Then it was that he attempted to quiet her fears and continue to suffer in silence.

Bride and Church Ready; Bridegroom Did Not Come

Young Girl Prostrated Over Disappearance of Her Betrothed—Accident Feared and Police Aid Asked.

FITCHBURG, Dec. 27. As the result of the non-appearance of the bridegroom at the appointed time, a wedding which was to have taken place at St. Joseph's Catholic Church has been indefinitely postponed. Miss Emma Rivers, who was to have been the bride, is prostrated. Alphonse Beaudoin, who was to have been her husband, is missing.

He called at the home of the bride's parents Saturday night, when everything was arranged for the wedding ceremony. He appeared to be in a happy frame of mind when he left for Gardner, and agreed to be back in time for the ceremony, which was to be at 10 o'clock this morning. Instead of the marriage of the couple was made Christmas Day by Father Tri quet, pastor of the church. So far the last time.

Reception Planned.

It was planned to have a reception and wedding breakfast after the ceremony. Invitations were sent out to the intimate friends of the couple, and they came in goods as usual congratulations to the bride and bridegroom. Presents were sent to the home of the bride by her many friends.

When the friends went to the church they were surprised not to find the couple there. They waited for some time and then went to the home of the bride, where they found the bride nearly prostrated over the absence of her betrothed.

The matter was reported to Father Triquet and an effort was made to locate Beaudoin, but without success. At Beaudoin's home in Gardner it was said that he left his home early Sunday and had not been seen since.

Accident Feared.

Miss Rivers said that she feared that he had experienced some accident, and felt sure that he would come to claim her, but up to a late hour he had not been heard from and the wedding has been indefinitely postponed.

Miss Rivers is one of the young French girls of the Fitchburg district, where she is popular in society. She has consulted relatives and the case was reported to the police. An effort will be made to find Beaudoin and get from him an explanation.

WIFE FORGIVES; STOPS DIVORCE

VERGENNES, Vt., Dec. 27. The marital troubles of Mr. and Mrs. William Watts are ended. Mr. Watts ate Christmas dinner with his wife at the family home, although on Thanksgiving Day he had been served with divorce papers at the same table. Mr. Watts is a literary man of note. He spends most of his time in New York, while his wife's health compels her to remain in Vermont.

The papers in Mrs. Watts' suit alleged intolerable severity. But under the advice of her brother, Mrs. Watts was brought to see the error she was making in bringing the action, a reconciliation was effected, the court proceedings were dropped, the suit was stricken from the docket of the Addison county court, and when Mr. Watts arrived home last Saturday he was greeted as warmly as if there had never been a break in the domestic harmony.

HURRY BOY SUES WESTERN UNION

WORCESTER, Dec. 27.—Hyman Sandman, aged thirteen years, formerly a messenger for the Western Union Telegraph Company here, has brought suit against the company for $1.05. Of this seventy-five cents is for overtime and thirty cents for lunches which he bought while working overtime. His counsel, who is the Holy Cross football coach, says he will push the suit, as the boy is entitled to the money.

"I like messenger work, but don't get rich," says the boy. "I worked hard in the telegram office for several months, and worked overtime. When I asks for me overtime what do I get?

"Why, I was called a robber and a thief, and told I was my move. When me feet didn't work, I was told that I'd get from out if I didn't get out. Well—I got. I can get witnesses to show that the money is comin' to me, all right. It ain't the size of the purse that I can see. It's the trowdown."

HELD BY POLICE; MIND A BLANK

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 27.—Dr. W. H. Cate of Lakewood, N. J., who is wanted in the Bronx, New York, in connection with the death of Mrs. Carrie B. Brouwer of Tom's River, a village near Lakewood, is being held by the police here. Dr. Cate walked into headquarters and said that his mind was a blank and had been in that condition since December 18. He could remember nothing which had happened prior to that date. Dr. Cate admits his identity but recollects nothing in connection with the death of Mrs. Brouwer.

Mrs. Brouwer died about three months ago and her brother had an investigation made by officials. Dr. Cate had signed her death certificate, giving Bright's disease as the cause, an autopsy is said to have revealed poison in the stomach.

SAYS FATHER GAVE BOY DRUGS

BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 27. Alleging that he gave his six-year-old son, Harold, liquor, tobacco, morphine and other drugs, Mrs. Merrow, wife of Dr. J. W. Merrow, has brought suit for divorce against her husband. Dr. Merrow has denied absolutely the charge and is fighting a petition for alimony. The wife wants $25 a week, while the attorneys for the defendant suggest $7 a week.

The hearing was full of bitter family altercations. Mrs. Merrow broke down and cried as though her heart would break. Dr. Merrow's books showed that he had been in the receipt of a large income, but he testified that because of a $50,000 suit and because of the divorce proceedings, his business had decreased until he did not have any income at all, and he had been obliged to discharge his help.

Houghton & Dutton

WILL HOLD A GENUINE OLD FASHIONED

"Rummage Sale"

Commencing THURSDAY, DEC. 28th, and continuing until stock day. The entire

FIFTH FLOOR

of our fine new building will be devoted exclusively to this sale, which will comprise

Remnants
Surplus Stocks

Odds and Ends and Gleanings Generally

from every nook and corner in our store. This we do simply to clear our stocks before the January inventory is taken

Hence in this sale cost or profit will cut no figure in the prices that we shall put on these goods

DO NOT FAIL to attend the opening day which will foreshadow the opportunities that this great sale will present. Our light and spacious Fifth Floor Annex affords the most ample conveniences for such a sale, and the shoppers can purchase here with ease and comfort.

Sale starts Thursday Morning at 9 o'clock sharp

STOP FOOTBALL A YEAR--ELIOT

Harvard's Head Would Have Colleges Solve Football Problem at Home.

CONFERENCE NOT FAVORED

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—In a letter to Chancellor Henry A. MacCracken of New York University in answer to an invitation to Harvard to be present at the football conference to be held in this city Thursday, President Eliot of Harvard says it is his belief "that intercollegiate football should be stopped for one year, so that the individual colleges may demonstrate in practice, each on its own grounds, a reasonable game of football.

"For myself, I find it impossible to believe that the committee, coaches and captains who have refused the game are to be trusted with its reform or replacement. The experts in the ruined game are not the persons I should select to advise about the selection or creation of a substitute. The fundamental difficulty with the present game is the bad spirit in which it is played. To get rid of this spirit I think we must stop intercollegiate football for a time.

"On the whole, therefore, I favor separate action by the individual colleges and not conferences and conventions or other attempts to confine intercollegiate football under new regulations.

"At the conference tomorrow there will be present representatives of Princeton, colleges and universities.

No acceptances have been received from Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Annapolis and Chicago. The seven institutions represented on the present intercollegiate rules committee.

OLD DYNAMITE GOES OFF AT PORTSMOUTH

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 27.—An old dynamite cartridge, which failed to explode when Henderson's Point was blown up last Summer, was struck by the digger of one of the Eastern Dredging Company's dredgers and the craft was nearly sunk. Several gangs of the crew were slightly injured. Two tugs promptly ranged along side, began pumping and prevented the dredger from going to the bottom.

JOHN DREW AS AUTHOR'S TUTOR

"Cockroached on My Time? Not at All," Says Actor; "But That Word Is Henchroached."

ONLY "MEEXED" IN SPELLING

Since the announcement of his purpose to do all in his power toward the cultivation of a distinctive American drama, to personally stage and act in any promising play meritorious in dialogue and atmosphere, John Drew, who appears next week at the Hollis Street Theatre in the Augustus Thomas comedy "De Lancey," has had a number of trying though at times humorous experiences.

No small amount of hardihood is required to support such a promise. Since its publication Mr. Drew and his advisers have been flooded with manuscripts, many of them going particularly remote from any acting possibilities. But the vanity with which Mr. Drew credits his latter soul with a line of comment tempering kindliness with quaintness, and a desire to create no pique in the feelings of the well meaning writers, is thoroughly in accord with his departments in all such matters.

Aye, Past All Barriers.

Where personal application is made and the playwright, getting past all barriers, gets to Mr. Drew himself, the episode is not always forthcoming. Thus, during the season's tour in "The Duke of Killicrankie," a San Francisco lawyer, a Freemason, who the Charles Reade "Triplet," while the most amiable of beings, had the unhappy habit of writing tragedies in blank verse. "I should place your volume of verse on a shelf beside those of Shakspere and Euripedes," he was written.

In the soundness of his by this play, a right garnished nail chance gave him the opportunity to thank Mr. Drew personally for his kind words and to apologize for accepting so much of his time. "Not at all, old glowingly, only to spoil it all by this slip of the tongue.

"Meexed" in His Genders.

"I fear, do, Meester Drew, I had wid my play cockroached upon your time."

"I beg your pardon?" said Mr. Drew.

"I say, I fear I had cockroached upon your time."

"Oh, not at all," was the response, quite welcome I assure you; glad to do it. But, by the way, that word is not cockroached—it's henerroached."

"Yes? Henerroached? Oh, I see, I meex my genders."

SLEPT OUT FOR DRAWING KNIFE

RANDOLPH, Vt., Dec. 27.—George H. Slack of Randolph Centre was arraigned at Tunbridge on a charge of assault to commit murder and bound over in $1,000 for the Orange County Court.

Slack's wife and sister-in-law arranged a Christmas reunion at Tunbridge. Four witnesses testified that Slack drank too much and became boisterous, and that when his wife refused to hear to take the twelve-mile ride home with Him alone, he drew a knife and threatened to kill her. She ran shrieking into a bedroom and Slack was overpowered by the other men and put out doors, where he stayed all night.

Slack's defence was that the liquor given him in the house was responsible for his condition and for the trouble.

MADMAN TRIES SUICIDE.

GARDNER, Dec. 26.—Nelson Jodino, fifty years old, a prosperous restaurant keeper, went suddenly insane and shot himself in the temple and the abdomen in an attempt to commit suicide.

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JEFFRIES IS DEFIED BY O'BRIEN

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BY JACK O'BRIEN.

I will fight Jeff now or in two months. Jeff being the retired champion and I the active one, I will let him leave his own terms. I have a ten-weeks' engagement on the theatrical road, opening in Boston on New Year's Day, but I will cancel it, thereby sacrificing $7,000, if Jeff would say: "Yes, O'Brien, I'll meet you."

By Boston American Leased Wire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Prior to his departure for the East, where he will open a ten weeks' engagement, Jack O'Brien, the vanquished Bob Fitzsimmons last week, issued a sweeping defi to Jim Jeffries, retired heavyweight champion.

Jeff owns a big saloon in Los Angeles, and has not yet replied to O'Brien's hot shot.

O'Brien says that Jeff can dictate his own terms for a match, and that he will accept them. He adds, however, that he will do make a side bet for any amount which the boilermaker might name.

Will Fight Hart Then.

If Jeff will not give Jack a match O'Brien says he will fight Marvin Hart, upon whom Jeff conferred the degree of heavyweight champion on his retirement. O'Brien scoffs at the idea that Hart is champ. He says that Jeff had no more right to give the title to Hart than he had to give it to a lobster.

O'Brien claims that if Jeff won't return to the ring that he is the real champion. He avers that to Fitz, who was signed for the title by Jeff, should revert the title, when Jeff went into private session.

Consequently, when he beat Fitz last week, he captured the laurels from Lanky Bob.

O'Brien speaks regarding his claim to the heavyweight championship as follows:

How O'Brien Figures It.

"This is the way I figure that I can entitled to the heavyweight championship. When Jeffries retired the title was without an owner. He could no, give it away and the talk of the honors going to Hart when he licked Root is all bosh.

"Naturally the title went back to Bob Fitzsimmons, and he, by right and popular award, was known as the champion. Both Fitzsimmons, every one will admit, was the greatest fighter of his weight in the world. He would never have won the title to Jeffries had the boilermaker not been a giant with many pounds advantage over the Cornishman.

"As it was, Fitz met and was defeated by Jeffries, a fighting machine. The heavyweight championship goes with the battle. That made Jeffries the champion heavyweight of the period. Then, in retiring, Jeffries gave up the title.

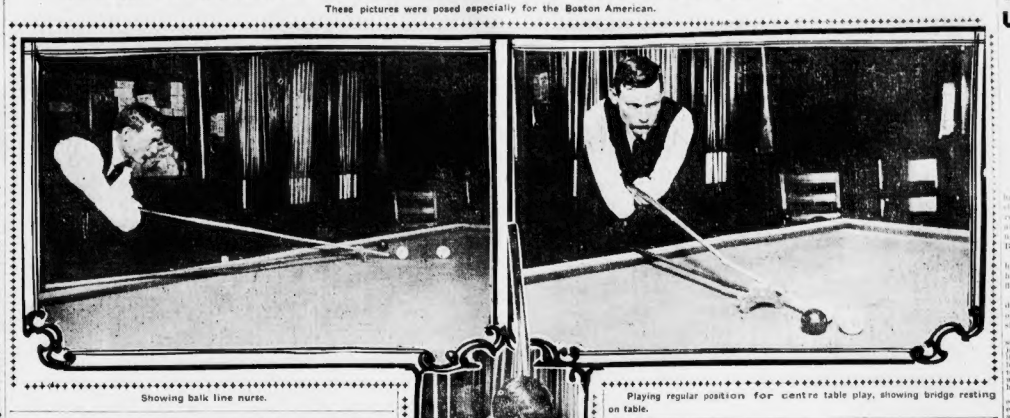
"It was not his to give to any particular man. If it had been, he could have given it to a bantam as well as to Hart or Root. These men did not fight me to being entitled to it.

"There was but one man in the world who was entitled to it, and who was still in the game. That was Bob Fitzsimmons.

"When the championship honors were given up Jeffries they naturally went back to Fitz, who lost them to the California Wonder. When Fitz agreed to meet me I was fortunate enough to beat him.

"That makes me the champion. Of that there can be no doubt.

It is rumored that Sam Berger, the ex amateur heavy, will be the next opponent of O'Brien's here, Washington's Birthday.



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Expert billiard playing without any hands! Only the stump of a pair of arms to clutch the cue, yet being able to put up a remarkable game on the green table is the startling wonder, George H. Sutton, who is now giving exhibitions at the Adams Square Billiard rooms.

He is a marvel, considering the handicap he is under, yet the simplicity with which he handles a cue and reels off the most difficult shots on a billiard table is amazing.

Yesterday, before a few invited guests, he displayed some of his prowess as a master of the cue and those who witnessed the sight will not easily forget it.

He lost both arms just below the elbows some years ago in an accident, and if it was just seven years ago that he took up billiard playing, and since persistent effort he has cultivated the game to such an extent that to-day there are very few in the world who can compete successfully with him.

He holds a record for a run of 156 in eighteen-inch balk line billiards and even excels this in practice. In tournaments he averages nearly fifteen, so the standard of his playing can be appreciated.

Not only is he a master at the game, but he is an excellent student of the intricate manipulation of the ivories, and talks interestingly on the subject.

"I do not think there are any players in the world who know the technique of billiards," said Mr. Sutton. "Players as a rule are aware of the angles, distance and use of the cushions, but there are many things combined that are not readily understood. There is the proper touch, the right power, the delicate combinations that do not receive their real value.

Is Not Handicapped.

"I do not consider that I am handicapped in making shots anywhere on the table by a player who has the use of his hands." And he then proved the statement by resting the cue over his shoulder and made a pretty masse shot in the middle of the table.

"I will wager any amount that I can make between twenty and thirty points on middle of the table masse without replacing the balls and I challenge to be the only man in the world who can accomplish such a feat. Again, I will modify play it twenty or no count."

Not only is Mr. Sutton perfect in execution, but he seems to be imbued with a keen knowledge of the intricacies of the elusive game and to have complete command over the little ivories.

Though he can use the bridge as easily as any player he usually lays it on the table and his wonderful ability at drawing shots and playing unknowns for him to resort to the wood support as often as an ordinary player.

Mr. Sutton will remain in the 4th all this week and can be seen daily, afternoon and evening, at the Adams Square Billiard rooms. He will play Mr. Carter and Mr. Cutler match games while there and a meeting other well known local cueists.

DODGE WON'T DON CRIMSON JERSEY

L. P. Dodge, the cross country Harvard runner, will not don the Crimson jersey next spring. He has been compelled to go South for his health, and if he comes back to Cambridge during the Spring term, will be unable to get into running at all. He will be unable to do any training and his condition does not at present look as though he would be able to get onto the cinder track.

Dodge was the most promising of the sprinters for the Crimson team for the Spring. He has done his "hundred" in close to ten seconds, and gave every promise of cutting under that mark when he had had another season under the supervision of Trainer Lathern.

Last year he entered Harvard as a freshman, and made his "H" in three events before the year was over. He took third in the 100 and second in the 220 yard, in the dual meet with Yale, closely following his captain, W. A. Schick, who took nearly everything he went into during his college course.

Schick was the second of the lightning short distance men which Harvard has had for captains in succession. Lightner was less than a ten-second man, and when he finished, Schick took up his work.

The loss of Dodge leaves the sprinting in Harvard to Lockwood, who tried foot ball this last Fall, and possibly Doyle, the freshman of last year, who caught the hurdles. He failed in them, but it is thought he may make good on the sprints. He is sorely needed in that event.

TWO NEW LIGHTWEIGHTS.

Jimmie O'Brien and Denny Cates of Cambridge seek Charlestown, some one. Mc-Cabe & Egan, Bob O'Brien and Cates meet to enter the lightweight class in the future.

FOREIGN AUTO CLUBS CENSURED

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—President Dave Hennen Morris of the Automobile Club of America made a statement yesterday regarding the assertion that there had been irregularities in connection with the running of the Vanderbilt cup race on Long Island last October. He stated that the position of the Automobile Club of America and made some pointed remarks regarding the sportsmanship of the complaining members of the German and French automobile clubs. He also called attention to the fact that now is hardly the time to change the regularities, when the contest was run on October 14.

"I was very much surprised to hear of the slight reference to the Automobile Club of America, and it is plainly evident that the foreign clubs have a very incorrect conception of the relation of the club to the Vanderbilt cup race. It should be very distinctly understood that we were in no way responsible for the conduct or management of the Vanderbilt cup race and that our sole function in the matter was to act as the representative of the foreign clubs, with whom we are affiliated in their agent, in their relations with the American Automobile Association, in whose hands was the entire conduct and management of the race. The foreign clubs should understand that the American Automobile Association is composed of all of the automobile clubs throughout the country, and that nothing whatever is done by the Automobile Club of America that does not receive the unanimous consent of all of the clubs in the Association.

"Moreover, if any of the foreign clubs who competed in the Vanderbilt race had any complaint to make as to his conduct by the American Automobile Association, such complaints should naturally have been made at the time of the race and in accordance with the rules."

TENNEY'S PLANS FOR NATIONALS' TRAINING PLACE

If Fred Tenney's plans go through, the Boston Nationals will train at Charlottesville, Va., next Spring. Fred is very much in favor of this place.

Tenney points to the fact that a number of championships have been won by teams training at Charlottesville, and that the Washington club got in such shape there last year that they made a whirlwind start in the American League race. Tenney has also considered Raleigh, N. C., as a training place.

As far as Charlottesville is concerned, it is possible that the Washington club has already completed arrangements to go there again. If this is so, Tenney will have to make some arrangement for dividing time on the college grounds or look for another place. It might arrange games with the Nationals.

'EMERGENCY' LOST IN GOTHAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—As the bout between Kid Murphy, the 105-pound champion, and the "great unknown," did not materialize at the Star A. C. The O'Brien, a newcomer, and Emergency Kelly of Boston, wound up the show. Early in the fight, Kelly bore the right hand, and was obliged to use his left entirely. The latter remained in the ring, O'Brien had the better of the bout, and was a great favorite with the Saturday anniversary from the Hub, when the three rounds ended.

JEANNETTE ON O'BRIEN'S PATH

Joe Jeannette, through his manager, George Armstrong, issues a challenge to Philadelphia Jack O'Brien to fight for the light heavyweight championship, won by O'Brien from Fitzsimmons. Jeannette weighs about 165 pounds, and will agree to make that weight. His easy victory over Sam Langford at Lawrence opened the eyes of some of the fight followers. But they evidently forget that he won from Jack Johnson, and had all the better of the go with "Pink Pajama Man" until Jack remembered how Sandy Ferguson lost, and fouled Jeannette.

CRIMSON DECIDES AGAINST PROFESSIONAL PITCHING INSTRUCTOR

CHESBRO WILL NOT COACH HARVARD

The Harvard baseballists will have no professional coach for the pitchers this year, as they have had in the past three years when Jack Chesbro of the New York Americans put their pitching wings into shape. Paul Coburn, the mighty, will do all that work this season, as well as looking after the whole squad, and if necessary, do some of the pitching. That has been settled, but the Harvard athletic committee still says he is the coach for the worst comes Coburn may go into the box.

However, he will have his hands full with this season's squad, which is none too good in prospect. Only Captain Shepherson for the back stop berth and Charlie Leonard, the little fellow who made third last year as a freshman, are sure of their places. There are men who have played the other positions, but none very strong.

Bradley will probably make short, but his ability will be nowhere equal to Matthews'. Kemble looks the best for second base, but could not make the team as a freshman. Dexter should be a fair centre fielder, but was erratic last year. McCarty, who has played in the field for two years, will be tried at first. The initial sack, which was his position before he went to Cambridge. The only pitcher in sight is Bill Taylor, who was dragged after the squad reached it. Few probable games last year.

Where Will Keeler will be on hand again to coach the batting, the squad with a few freshmen when basket ball is in full in the practice work the, will be called out January 9, the earliest in the history of the university. The freshmen will go out February 12.

DAN PATCH RECORD IS PROTESTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Dan Patch's reported record of 1:58, made at Memphis nearly a month after the legitimate harness racing season ended, is to pass another hanging over all. Closely following the announcement that the Board of Review of the National Trotting Association had taken steps to safeguard the accuracy of records made in the future comes the news that complaints have been made to W. H. Knight, secretary of the American Trotting Register Association, protesting against the acceptance of the performance as a record without an investigation of the rumor that the runner went ahead of the pacer in such a way as to form a wind shield for a part of the mile.

James A. Murphy, the man who owned Star Pointer, 1:59½, when that horse first set the harness record below the two-minute mark, is understood to be the complainant in the case. Mr. Murphy long ago sold the old-time champion and all his descendants, and his only interest in the matter now is a sentimental one and a desire to see that his favorite pacer is not dethroned without a square deal.

Mr. Murphy was interviewed in his criticisms of the Dan Patch performance at Memphis, saying:

"I think it is an outrage that a horse which for four years has been trying unsuccessfully to beat Star Pointer's record should be permitted to start against time under the most favorable conditions, arranged by his owner exclusively for his benefit, nearly a month after the end of the legitimate racing season, and there wired the champion's friends in a house that obtained it in broad daylight at a bona fide meeting, where thousands of horsemen were present to see that everything was regular and above board.

"We have been trying ever since the holiday meeting to get Dan Patch's performance took place to find some one in which I had confidence who saw it and timed it, but as yet I have failed. I have learned, however, that Frank Jones, the president of the Memphis Trotting Association, took good care of him on the day the performance took place. Murphy, the secretary of the track, was likewise absent. Ed. Geers, whose word would settle it with me if he had seen it, was off on a duck hunting spree.

"The only man I have been able to find who saw the trial and had an unbiased party tells me one of the pacemakers ran ahead of the pacer more than half the distance; but not in such a way, he says, as to form a wind shield for the harness horse. Opinions might differ on that point. We heard the same kind of talk two years ago, when Lou Dillon first trotted in 2:00 with the aid of a runner in front."

GANS AND TWIN ARE TRAINING FOR BOUT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Joe Gans has moved over to Croll's Gardens, Alameda. The Baltimore boy says he will pay no attention to anything he had said from now until he steps into the ring with Mike Twin Sullivan on the 20th of January.

Mike Twin Sullivan has already started in training for his go with Gans at Sharkey's place in San Rafael. The smaller Twin will have his brother Jack as chief sparring partner while he is busy getting the welter-weight limit he says he will be obliged to lodge when he goes through to-night whether it will be possible for him to make 133 pounds for Battling Nelson is one he should win from the Baltimorean.

BROWN VS. YALE.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 27.—The Brown hockey team left here for Pittsburg where three games will be played with the Yale teams, the first one being to-night.

WILL HANLON LET KELLEY LEAVE REDS?

CINCINNATI, Dec. 27.—Manager Hanlon is sharpening his pruning knife preparatory to getting rid of some of the Cincinnati surplus baseball material. Hanlon has been gathering ballyhoards. Hanlon has ordered the release of Pitchers Yan Ando, Johns and Goodwin, and has opened negotiations with Third Baseman Lobert, who is at present on the Chicago National's list.

It is rumored that Hanlon will not have Joe Kelley on the Cincinnati team after all, and that Herrmann will trade Kelley off for a new player of national repute. Herrmann is said to be badly upon the decision of Hanlon in this matter, but when the latter signed with Cincinnati he stated openly that he was going to get the best results as the captain of the team. Baseball managers sometimes say one thing and mean something else, so that if Kelley is followed up it will be evident that Hanlon is fond of a good joke.

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SWEENEY BACK IN OLD FORM

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Patsy Sweeney of Boston came to life again in the ring last night at the Colma A. C. in Harlem by defeating Jack Ryan, a husky welter weight from Brooklyn. Despite Sweeney's long absence from the ring he did remarkably well and convinced those present that he has not gone back in any extent.

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CLAIM DE ORO IS NOT POOL CHAMPION

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The claim of Alfredo de Oro that the emblem representing the world's championship in the carbon pool is his personal property under Rule 11, which governs such contests, is not only denied by the donor of the emblem, but they decide that William Hueston of St. Louis, who challenged De Oro and posted a forfeit, has failed to get a match to rightfully entitled to the championship, and a duplicate emblem of the one now in De Oro's possession will be furnished to Hueston of St. Louis.

De Oro won the championship last Winter in a challenge match, but in the spring, challenged by Jerome Keough, forfeited the emblem and title to the Buffalo player. Later De Oro and Keough met at Buffalo and the former won. Now De Oro contends that he is not required to play again for the emblem and points to the rule—"The holder of the emblem will be required to defend it for one year against all comers. The emblem becomes the personal property of the player who wins and defends it against all contestants for the period of twelve months."

SPORTING NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

BASEBALL.

"Reddy" Pelt is to go if Pittsburg can make a deal for him. Here is a great chance for some underhanded manager who wants a ready youngster.

Billy Sunday, the ball player-evangelist, denies that he is dead. He believes the Bigger men of Burlington, Ia., started that report because Sunday talked on baseball on the Sabbath in that town.

Brownie Murphy, who played short for the New Yorks some years ago, being known then as Yale Murphy, is said to be doing a) splendid in the Adirondacks. He is a physician.

The St. Louis Club is trying to bring Emmett Heidrick to St. Louis to play first base. Heidrick's release will not be tendered to give a definite answer until after the 30th of this month.

In Chicago they are revealing secrets concerning the men who won the pennant for them. Reggie is classified as a warm-weather pitcher, Pfeffer as a fair-weather example, and Brown will be seen losing able to think until two days after. Here are the duds some of the players will wear in 1906.

In Chicago they have a bunch that Christy Mathewson will not be a Giant next season, so he says this past season. That is what they said last Winter.

The St. Louis Browns have released infielder Starr, who joined his team from Mexico. Manager Hickey says that Bobby Wallace is the only man on the team's works who is sure of his job next season.

The Brooklyn National League Club, through its new manager, Patsy Donovan, has purchased the release of Pitcher Michael "Pop" Corbett from the Utica Club. Corbett is preparing to report to the Dodgers when they train South next season. Mike refused to go to St. Louis last season, but stayed with the York team, going home each Sunday to attend to his store business in Minooka, near Scranton, and to play ball with the Minooka team. The price paid for his release is said to have been $5,000.

BOXING.

That semi-final bout between Jerry Gaines, champion of the darkest feathers, and Tom Sullivan at the Douglas Club next Monday night will be all the candy. Their last bout is still talked about among the fight fans.

Jack Johnson has sent a challenge to the Douglas Club, saying he is ready to meet Joe Jeannette in the heavyweight business, and he prefers Marvin Hart or George Gardner.

The game's all over in Pittsburg. The boys could not stand for those amateur rules and raised a fuss, declaring that they would go no more to the Smoky City. Back to the large and awful, boys.

Abe Attell has refused an offer to meet Jimmy Britt in a return match. Abe says that he does not care to put down to that weight would weaken him too much, and prefers to fight any 122-pounder.

Rose O'Brien wishes that his hand would heal quickly, as there is all kinds of chances coming him when he recovers sufficiently to get back in the ring. He will meet Jimmy Britt at the Douglas Casino, the Chicago Slasher, at the Douglas Club in Lynn.

It will be Kid Goodman's first battle since his return from Europe when he meets Young Gallagher at the Douglas Club, and Bobby Gaines is to be Kid Goodman's opponent.

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BOWLING.

Bill Clarke is out for first honors again this year in the big league. He is now located in second place within batting distance of the top position. There is not a better all-round pin boxer in the country than Clarke, who is always able to total up a score of 100 or very close to that mark.

George Thomson says McCarthy's Colts will put the "kibosh" on the crack St. Alphonsus team when they clash again. The Brothers lads, however, are confident of repeating the whitewash dose they "copped" previously.

Crowley of the Park Street aggregation of the South End League has been laying down in great manner and there doesn't appear to be many on hand who can keep pace with him these days. He was high man last night in the match against the Park Streets.

Maxwell, the boy with the smile that refuses to come off, has at last struck his true gait and from now on he will bear watching. He has been improving steadily since the season started. He aims at the 400 mark.

The weekly roll-off at the Old Colony alleys this week promises to be one of the hardest fought over held in those alleys. About 500 bowlers will have a chance to qualify.

The Somerville Greeley quintet was expected to give the field fliers a trimming in the Suburban Industrial League last night, but they fell flat in their effort, as the Elks took two out of the three and doubled their rating at the top of the championship ladder.

REDS WILL NOT TAKE PITCHER FLAHERTY NOW

CINCINNATI, Dec. 27.—President Herrmann of the Cincinnati club has refused to engage Pitcher Patsy Flaherty, who was offered to him by the Pittsburg club.

"I wanted Flaherty last Summer, but could not get him then, when I was willing to have him," said Herrmann. "Now I don't care to have him."

YALE TEAM WINS.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—The Yale University basketball team defeated the Y. M. C. A. team here, 42 to 2. The game was played in the Tulane athletic park. Yale outclassed the locals in every way, and the latter's goals scored against the visitors were on fouls. The visitors left here for Galveston.

HOLY NAME VICTOR.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 27.—In one of the fastest and roughest games of the season, the Signal Corps team of Fall River went down to defeat before the Holy Name team of this city. In point of weight and experience the Fall River team excelled, but the lighter Holy Name team had some great team work and excelled in passing.

HARVARD WILL HAVE STRONG HOCKEY TEAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The intercollegiate hockey championships begin next week in St Nicholas Rink. Columbia and Princeton open the season with the latter's team excellent for a Blue and White victory. On the two occasions that Princeton has appeared in this city they have shown a lot of fast practice that does not augur well for their ultimate success. Columbia believes she stands an excellent chance of winning the championship from Harvard, but the Crimson is confident she will win her fourth championship nevertheless.

Harvard appears in the third game against Columbia on January 13. She has six veterans of former champion teams at work in the Hemenway Gymnasium Rink. They are Captain Neenah, Wilder, Townsend, Pell, Macleod and Ivy, while there are twelve men out for the remaining place.

Yale is the last of the five teams to play, meeting Brown on January 17. Captain Winn has Marcus, Beler, Cornell, Lang and Rowland of former teams, and a fair list of new men to fill the vacancies.

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If You Were This Captain, Which One Would You Save?

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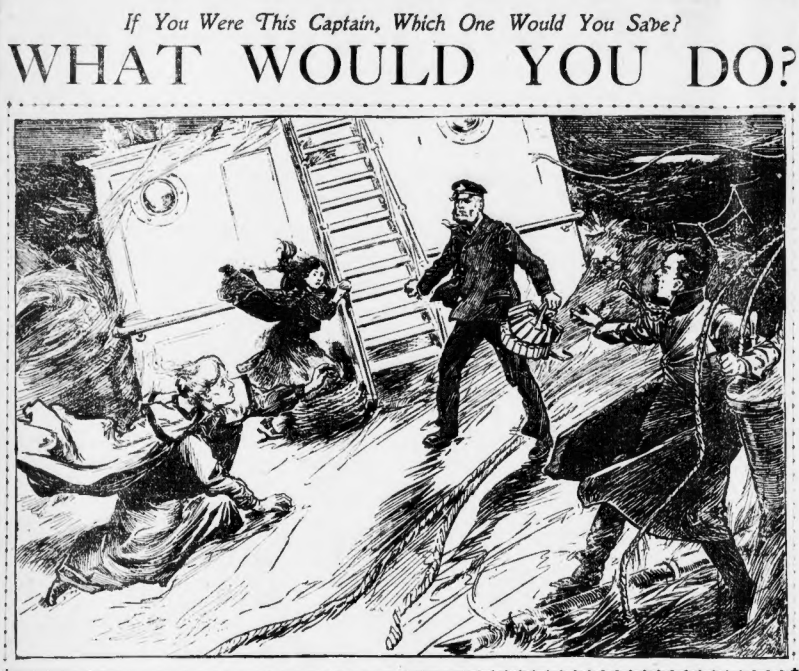

To whom should the captain give the last lifebelt—the aged woman, whose lease of life has nearly expired?—the man in the prime of life, with wife and children dependent upon him?—or the little girl, with nearly all her life before her? What would YOU do?

A cash prize of $2 will be given each day for best letters in answer to this interesting question. Tell which you would save. Give your reasons. Letters must not be over 150 words in length. Address Home Page Editor, BOSTON AMERICAN, Nos. 80-82 Summer street, Boston.

Build No Fences to Shut Out Inspiration

By Katherine James

I WISH women could sometimes peer around the corners and over the top of situations.

Women who have entered professional or business life brooded out by the process, but the women who has done nothing better to do than to stay at home and dwell upon her wrongs, real or fancied—find pity her, for she looks at the world through discolored spectacles.

Everything is askew, from the sky above to the earth beneath.

These women rear a fence between them and happiness, then refuse to look over it.

Now a fence may be pretty formidable if one makes it high and strong enough.

I've known one to shut out the sunshine and shelter the weeds for many years, but the woman who built it didn't know that the sunshine was hidden from her heart and that the weeds were growing in it.

She was one of those little sheltered souls who, because she had nothing to battle against, was always trying to make life a battlefield wherein she was constantly wounding herself.

When her husband came home at night she was sure he didn't love her because he spoke to her words that had given her so hasty a greeting—that the poor man was ready to faint with weariness never entered her mind.

Which her club awarded the bridge prize to Mrs. Blank she had another grievance—she should have won it. Was she not one of the charter members? What did it matter if Mrs. Blank had a few more points to her credit?

And so on through the list; the Ladies' Aid Society had asked her to contribute ham instead of chicken for the annual supper. She was sure they meant some slight by that, else told her husband between sobs. The idea that the society might possibly want ham instead of chicken never entered her foolish little head.

Trivial trouble would give her something real to bear, and—perhaps make a real woman of her.

I met a woman once who had lost, by death, a husband whom she dearly loved, and five children within one short year. Her father was drowned, a favorite brother went insane, and lastly her comfortable income was swept away in a business crash and she was compelled, when past middle age, to support herself.

A sweeter, nobler woman never lived.

Sorrow had furrowed deep in her face, but her brown was serene, and the light of a holy spirit shone from her eye.

That woman built no fences to hide the inspiration from the sky.

By Beatrice Fairfax

Lack of Manners May Destroy the Pleasure of Play or Concert for Those Near the Offender

By Beatrice Fairfax

THE other evening I went to a concert to hear the most famous violinist in the world play.

Directly behind me sat two young women.

All through that divine music those two chatted like magpies.

During the most exquisitely soft passages my attention was distracted by murmurs of "buts," "afternoon tea," "the sweetest lace waist," etc.

It really was most annoying.

I had paid for a good seat and gone there expecting to have a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Was I entirely spoiled by the persistent whispering of those unmannerly young women.

The only people who have any right to go to a concert are those who are prepared to keep silent and listen to hear the most famous violinist in the world play.

And even if they only go to look at the people they should at least respect other people's love of music.

We have all suffered from the person who talks loudly at the theatre and laughs in the most pathetic scenes.

Lack of consideration for others is an unpardonable fault.

If you don't enjoy the play keep quiet or go out.

There may be others near you who do enjoy it, and you have no right to mar their pleasure.

And when you go to the theatre try and get there on time.

It is very distressing to have to rise during an interesting scene while two or three late comers file between you and the stage.

Whispering or giggling in the audience is very trying to play folk.

It distracts their attention and makes them very nervous.

As long as time shall last I suppose we women will have to be resigned to having the men go out between the acts.

We have grown to accept it philosophically and to make no murmur when our feet are trodden on, our hats brushed off our laps and our general comfort interfered with.

But just because the men have the royal, masculine privilege of interfering with people's comfort at the theatre is no reason why we should do likewise.

We don't get in and out as quickly as the men do; our skirts catch on everything we pass.

So it behooves us to get to the theatre on time and to stay in our seats after we get there.

Don't explain the jokes—others see the point as well as you do.

And don't keep saying what you think the hero or heroine will do next.

Personally I hate to have every twist and turn of the play explained to me.

But the whispering is worst of all, and if you indulge in it you may make up your mind that you are looked upon as a nuisance.

Advice to Anxious Sweethearts

By Beatrice Fairfax

THE ONE YOU LIKE BEST

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am a girl, twenty seven years of age, and keeping company with a widower. He has eight children, is sixty-four years old, and has a son of thirty-four. He is rich, but I do not love him. I love a man of about my own age, who is poor. Which one do you advise me to marry? J. F.

I WOULD advise you to marry the man you care most for. He is poor, but you would not begin to have as much responsibility as if you married the other. Besides, the man of sixty-four is too old for you.

WELL TO WAIT

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am keeping company with a young man, and I am very much in love with him, and think by his actions that he is in love with me. He has asked me to become engaged for three years. But he speaks of other girls so often, and sometimes very seriously says he has another girl, and I am so undecided what to say, as it is not yet settled. Will you please advise me what to do?

INQUISITIVE.

I THINK it would be well to wait until he can assure you that you are the only girl. Just at present he seems to have too many girls to be entirely devoted to one. Do not become engaged to him until you are sure that you have his undivided affection.

JEALOUSY THE CAUSE

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I have been keeping company with a charming, beautiful young lady whom I adore very much. One evening I had not made an appointment with her and took it upon myself to call unexpectedly, and on my way to see her I ran across a lady friend of mine and walked with her a little way, and my real ladylove chanced to pass me by without my seeing her. When I reached her home they told me she was out, and when I called next evening she refused to see me, saying I could go with the girl I was with last night. Do you think she was justified in treating me so? Shall I write or call, or do you think if she loved me she would give me up so soon? F. M.

I THINK she is simply jealous, and that a note from you or a word of explanation will make things all right. Tell her the exact circumstances, and no doubt she will be reasonable and forgive you.

A DIVIDED SWEETHEART

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I love a girl who has been my sweetheart for the best part of three years, and would be my sweetheart for all of this time but for her queer way of treating me. She is all right for a while. I see her regularly, then all of a sudden I don't see her so often, and she makes me some lame excuse which I consider to be an untruth. I know that when she does not see me she goes to see some one else. But I love her dearly and do not wish to part with her. She also says she loves me, but to me it does not seem so. Please enlighten me as to how I can keep her all my own, and not half mine and half somebody else's. I do not like to give her up, which, of course, would be the proper thing to do. READER.

I THINK the only thing to do is to tell her that you want all her love or none. If she won't consent to that and you feel you can't give her up, you will have to be contented with a divided attention.

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JACK HARKAWAY'S SON

CHAPTER XLI.

Danger in the Depths

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IT was not exactly comfort to find one's self thus summarily disposed of, and Jack did not quite feel inclined to fully trust Sung Gow, despite that gentleman's assurance of safety, but, although the Chinaman appeared to be any means of extrication from their present plight, he determined to make the best of it.

"Well, Benton," said he, "let's sit down and think it over."

"There's certainly no apparent danger of evening us up suddenly, and it don't cost any more to sit than to stand."

"Yes," answered the plucky young doctor, "We may have a long wait before anything turns up to relieve us from this, and we might as well rest as much as possible."

"It seems to me," said Jack, after they had been sitting quietly for at least an hour, but what seemed to them like a week, "that Sung Gow must have put us here only for the same being the more I think of it the more it seems to me that he can hardly intend to harm us. You know, he was able to us, and no Chinaman ever forgets that."

"Wonder what his reason is," said Benton. "I hope it will not be long that we shall have to stay in this hole in the ground.

"For one thing, it isn't comfortable, and then there's no telling what else we may have to endure before we get out. Here is added danger that we may not be able to rescue your friends who are still in the room under the sea."

"That's true," said Jack, "and now that you speak of it, I wonder how we got from there. It didn't seem to me that we were anywhere near the place we landed when we first crawled into the cave. But, naturally, Sung Gow would have a private entrance into his submarine cave, and, after all, we may be on the right track."

A Way Out

"Perhaps there is some way of getting out of here which Sung Gow forgot to tell us," said Benton.

Jack was on his feet in an instant.

Carefully he felt all around the four walls. They were of solid stone, cemented with some substance that left the surface as smooth as glass.

The floor was exactly square, and made of heavy planks of teak. The stairway landed exactly in the center. They had come down it about thirty feet, and about half way up was a sort of landing.

All of a sudden Jack had an idea.

"What a goose we be said. "I'm going part way up the stairs."

In a trice he was on the landing. A little circular platform surrounded the stair, and by bending out over the railing he could just touch the wall.

Carefully his hand searched the stone work as far down and as far up as he could reach.

He had almost given up the search when his fingers found a disc on the smooth surface. There was the least crevice, and it had an indentation.

Carefully following it he struck a little knob, and easily opened a door about a foot square. Cautiously he felt inside, and his fingers touched a switchboard.

"Look out, Benton," he said, quietly. "I think we will have a little light on the subject." And he threw the lever over.

From a large cluster of incandescent lamps a flood of sunshine filled the shaft, and Jack gave a cry of delight.

High enough so that it could not be reached from the bottom, and low enough so that he had not been able to detect it from the platform, there was a break in the walls. The lower part of the shaft was about a foot larger across than the upper part, and Benton sprang up the iron stair toward Jack to examine it.

"I begin to see daylight," said Jack. "Let's try another of those electric switches and see what happens."

Setting the action to the word, they saw the lower walls begin to slide slowly upward, lifting over the upper part of the shaft like a huge telescope.

"It's a regular Aladdin's castle," said Benton. "This man, Sung Gow, must have spent millions fitting up his retreat."

Jack and Benton remained on the platform until the lower wall had risen some six feet above the floor of the shaft, and stopped.

"Come," said Jack, and with revolvers drawn they descended the stairs.

The sight that met their eyes was something to remember.

There were exactly in the centre of a room about twenty feet across, and opposite them as they stepped on the floor they saw the entrance of a passageway.

Here was the road to rescue their friends.

But between them and the exit four lions growled and lashed their tails ominously. Each was chained to the wall and wore a massive silver collar, but they had plenty of room to move about, and there was no way to pass them.

Jack would have fired on them, but Jack restrained him.

"We have only a few cartridges," he said. "And besides we do not want to kill the poor beasts, for they may be some of those Malay gentlemen down here."

What should they do?

TO BE CONTINUED.

DOES IT PAY TO MAKE NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS?

A FLOOD of letters has been released on the Home Page Editor by the reply of Eleanor Ames to a letter asking if it pays to make New Year's resolutions.

Many writers agree that it is a poor and parcel of the New Year. Many others disagree. They claim it is all folly to begin a new year or to better life on New Year's day. These latter labor the turning over of a new year.

What do you think? Do you believe a resolution made and broken is better than none made at all?

Letters on this question of absorbing interest at this season of the year will be printed on this page.

Here are a few of the many received in this morning's mail:

CERTAINLY! WHY NOT?

EDITOR HOME MAGAZINE:

Certainly it pays to make good resolutions at the beginning of the new year. If there is any time in the world to resolve when newer and better impulses should spring in the heart, it is then. One has hopes of better things it is at the commencement of the new year.

Then is the time to look backward at the mistakes and follies of the past. Then is the time to look ahead with a view to correcting errors and mistakes, intentional, foolish or accidental.

I have known many a drunkard to get on "the water wagon" as Eleanor Ames calls it—at the beginning of the new year.

Roxbury. "RESOLUTION."

ALL FOOLISHNESS

EDITOR HOME MAGAZINE:

I want to take this opportunity to disagree with the article in yesterday's BOSTON AMERICAN advising the making of New Year's resolutions. I usually have to agree with what Eleanor Ames has to say in the BOSTON AMERICAN, but this time I think she is far from right.

There is not the least doubt in my mind that the man or woman who openly and honestly makes a resolution and then breaks it, is far worse off than he or she who has no resolutions to make and who never broke one.

Why should the first day of the year be different from any other? Why should we not make every resolution on the minute, on the hour, on the day?

What virtue is there in doing wrong for a year and at its close "turning over a new leaf"? Why not begin a new week every Sunday morning? Why not begin a new day every morning?

I never made a New Year's resolution in my life and I never will. This habit of making a day or a month of grace disgusts me. Every man, every woman should do business squarely on the minute, on the hour, on the day.

Every second marks a new year. I have no sympathy with end of the year resolutions. W. H.

Boston.

WHY MATRIMONY CAUSES FINANCIAL SHIPWRECK

By Caroline

"It was only last week I gave you $5.25. You can't possibly need more by this time."

After that, is it to be wondered that she flies into debt?

She thinks some of the ways he spends money exceedingly foolish, and determines to satisfy her rational needs by opening an account. Then her day of reckoning is put off for thirty days. She gets what she wants and hubby will pay for it for sooner to preserve his credit.

The only way to avoid this financial rock is for a man to be frank with his wife—to tell her what he has, then to determine how much they will spend on household expenses, how much on dress and how much they will save.

No matter how small a man's salary is something should be saved every week, and a woman is quite as quick to see this as a man.

She should realize that if anything happens to her husband those savings will be her chief source of support, while no matter what happens to her he can go on with his work.

If a man feels that he can't trust a woman to know about his finances, can't tell her how much he has or how little he is earning, he ought never to marry her, for, just so sure as he keeps this from her, he is steering toward the rocks which are going to wreck the family bark.

THAT HONEYMOON IN THE ARCTIC

MAX FLEISCHMANN of Cincinnati, who is to be married this month, has announced his intention of going on a honeymoon trip to the North Pole, which, as a side issue, he will endeavor to discover.

This recalls inevitably the immortal remark of King Edward at a crowded reception to a man just returned from an Arctic trip: "Beastly warm, isn't it? More like the South Pole, eh?"

Certainly we must all agree with the monarch that the Antarctic region is more befit the tender dalliance of honeymooning.

And yet there may be method in Mr. Fleischmann's mid-Winter madness after all.

No one as yet has tried the means of reaching the pole that must at once flash upon the bridal honeymooner—that of melting the ice between himself and the long-sought place on the earth's surface where the axle ought to be.

If I were a self-respecting glacier I could face any young couple on their honeymoon without discomfit feeling awed. So that it's possible Mr. Fleischmann, intent of meeting insurmountable barriers of ice, such as beset the ordinary explorer, may see the snow mountains skip like rams, and the little hills like lambs, and the sea divided through the arctic sea as smoothly as if it were the course between Boston and Gloucester.

Certainly the long Arctic twilights present difficulties of a most unusual kind, failing that must satisfy even the most sentimental bride.

To me it must take nerve on a man's part to undertake so long an uninterrupted bliss.

Even being compelled to sit in the dusk and spoon for three long months! And yet what else could a poor explorer do?

It may be, however, that instead of watching the purple glacier their presence them the adventurous honeymooners may be conquered by their compelling will, that their feelings may drop with the sinking thermometer, and the glad moment when the explorer grasps the imaginary pole as if it were the handle of a titanic ice cream freezer may find his congealed better half dreaming of the comparatively torrid splendors of a Winter in South Dakota.

He is taking a long chance, for Cupid has never led his forces against the pole before. But may the shimmering Northern Lights lead him to victory!

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"The Thinking Machine"

—BY—

Jacques Futrelle

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Synopsis of Preceding Parts

CHARLES WILKES, who describes himself as a traveling man, meets Hatch, a hotel clerk, and buys one month's rent in advance. Hatch does not want the room better for the real estate company handling the house cause it is haunted. Clements pays the rent the bill for rent, and finds the house furnished. He hunts in a dusty old lumber room and there finds a beautiful girl dead, stabbed. Later it develops that she was murdered for a golden dagger of intricate design. Clements goes to the attention of Augustus S. F. X. Van Dusen, The Thinking Machine, through Hutchinson Hatch, a reporter. The latter learns that The Thinking Machine closely examined, after which he inserts the room wherein the body was found. Upon this method, unknown to Hatch, The Thinking Machine solves a Turkish diplomat's murder, a suit him and shows the Turk a photograph of the dagger. The Turk identifies the photograph as that of a dagger owned by him.

PART 3.

GRADUALLY Mr. Hussein sat down beside the Thinking Machine resumed his seat in the big chair opposite. Hatch was leaning forward eagerly to catch every word. The story of the man who owned the wonderful golden dagger was one which the great public would naturally want to know.

"Now," began The Thinking Machine, "would you mind telling us a little of the history of the dagger?"

"It is not a story, to be told to infidels," was the reply. "I mean, of course, unbelievers. I will answer any question that you see fit to ask if I can do so."

A little expression of perplexity crept into the squinting eyes of The Thinking Machine; then it passed as suddenly as it came.

"You are a Mohammedan?" he asked.

"Yes."

"Is there any religious significance attached to the dagger?"

"Yes. It is sacred. A gift from the Sultan—my imperial master—and blessed by the royal hand is always sacred to a subject. It may not be even seen by the eyes of an unbeliever."

Hatch straightened up a little, and The Thinking Machine readjusted himself in the big chair.

"You were educated at Oxford?" he asked irrelevantly.

"Yes. I left there in 1887."

"You did not embrace the Christian religion?"

"No. I am a Mohammedan, loyal to my master."

"Would you mind saying for what service the Sultan so honored you?"

"I do not object to say. It was a service to the crown at a time when I was secretary of the Turkish Embassy in England."

"Under what circumstances did this dagger leave your possession?" asked The Thinking Machine quietly.

"*It has not left my possession,*" was the equally quiet reply. It would be sacrilege if it did. Therefore I still have it—closely guarded."

Frankly, Hutchinson Hatch was amazed. His manner showed it clearly. The Thinking Machine was still leaning back in the chair staring upward.

"I understand then," he said after a little pause, "that the dagger, of which this is a photograph, is in your possession now?"

"It has not been out of my possession at any time since it was given to me," was the startling reply.

"Then how do you account for this photograph?"

"I don't account for it."

"But Dr. Loyd—the dagger—I had it in my hands," Hatch interposed in bewilderment.

"You are mistaken," replied the Turk quietly. "It is still in my possession."

"Will you produce it?" asked the Thinking Machine calmly.

"I will not," was the firm response. "I have explained that it is not to be seen by the eyes of unbelievers."

"If a charge of murder should be laid against you, would you produce it?" insisted the Thinking Machine.

"I would not."

"To avoid an arrest?"

"There is no danger of an arrest," was the still calm response. "I am connected with the Turkish legation in Washington and am responsible only to the Turkish government. If there is any charge against me it must come that way."

There was a long silence. Hatch was bursting with questions, which were silenced by a slight gesture from The Thinking Machine. Under the peculiar circumstances the scientist realized that what Mr. Hassan had said was true. It is one of the idiosyncrasies of international law.

"You know, of course, that a woman has been murdered with that dagger, don't you?" asked the scientist.

"I have heard that a woman has been murdered."

"Do you attribute any magical properties to the weapon?"

"Oh, no."

"And where is it at present?"

"Would you produce it if your government should order you to do so?"

"My government will not order me to do so."

Hatch was annoyed. All this was too mystic. If Mr. Hassan died his dagger, then here was more than one of them in existence. Dr. Loyd had one; the reporter knew that. Whether it was a clever counterfeit he did not know; but the dagger used to kill the girl was certainly in possession of the medical examiner.

"If that dagger should ever in any chance pass out of your possession, Mr. Hassan," the scientist suddenly asked, "The Thinking Machine."

"I am sworn to protect it with my life. If it should pass out of my possession I should kill myself. It is customary and I so understood in my country."

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The only day on which no installment of the story will appear will be Saturday. The next to the last chapter will be printed Friday, and then everybody will have until 6 p. m. Saturday in which to guess how this story ends.

The person who guesses the end ing of the story most correctly will receive the first prize of $50.

If two or more persons guess it correctly the one whose reply was mailed first will receive first prize, the next one will get second prize, etc.

If no one solves the mystery accurately, the one who comes nearest to a correct solution will receive first prize.

REMEMBER

That this is a test of SKILL IN THINKING, not skill in writing. All you have to do is to THINK OUT the solution of the mystery. The literary merit of the answers will not be considered.

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PRIZE STORY EDITOR, BOSTON AMERICAN.

SHADOWED VALET IN 'SCARLET THREAD'

By Mrs. Etta F. Johnson.

MRS. ETTA F. JOHNSON.

So I am entitled to second prize in the "Scarlet Thread" mystery solution? Well, I am indeed pleased and even surprised. I knew my solution was due to be approximately correct, or I would not have sent it in to the editor in time. I believe it was the most unique solution than any of the other attempts I have made in childhood days at solving the fascinating "Thinking Machine" series. I must say when reading over what I have come very close in the real solution of almost all of the stories, except that concerning the baby's kidnapping. I couldn't quite guess at that solution. I couldn't muster up the courage to send in my solution for fear I would be among others my people saw the prize winning stories they reminded me to submit my solution and I sent one last week.

Try as I would it did not seem to me that any one knew much about the murder and attempts at murder as did the valet. I thought he was in love with the girl who was killed at the hotel and was jealous of the man whose life he attempted.

I eliminated at once the hypothesis that the old lady had anything to do with the perfect because The Thinking Machine had declared it was not. Besides she would have been poor, and, therefore, could not have sought revenge. Besides she lacked the activity necessary to conceive and execute the assaults.

My solution that the valet was the guilty party became conviction when I learned that he was a spendthrift and understood all that was being said while he was pumping the water for the bath. I never suspected, however, any collusion between the valet and the young woman in the wittingly killed and had no idea that the young woman was the murderer. She was so innocuous and yet so frank, could have been a party to the crime.

Yes, I am responsible only to myself and entitled to the protection of my own government. If there is any charge against me it must come that way."

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First prize	$50
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BETHANY, W. Va., Dec. 27.—John Whitsett and his brother, Charles are held in bail charges with assaulting Nathan Scott, son of United States Senator Nathan B. Scott of Wheeling. The boy's life was a time described of.

John Whitsett had just been married, and a serenading party of ten went to his house. Charles Whitsett called the party money to buy a Christmas tree if they would leave his brother and his wife in quiet. The boys refused.

The brother returned to the house and the din was renewed until the bridegroom, armed with a pokes, and his brother with a pistol, rushed out and attacked the party. Scott fell and was pounced upon and beaten into insensibility.

CHICAGO "HOMER" AT SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 27.—A carrier pigeon, which was discovered here Sunday in a freight car, has been identified as belonging to F. B. Philips of Chicago, known as the foremost pigeon fancier of the country and a man who is dying birds at all times. The bird must have made a record flight before it got into the car. It was hardly alive, but has recovered now and is being held for its owner.

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Today at 2 and 8 P. M.
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Second Balcony for Ladies Only, 15c.
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Down Town Office, 31 Winter St.
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Don't Lay Aside ALL the Christmas Spirit

The Habit of Love, Thoughtfulness and Self-Sacrifice Is a Good One for All Times of the Year

For the past few weeks you have been filled with the Christmas spirit. You have planned and labored with more thought for others than for yourself. You have worked to make others happy by your gifts, and more especially by the SPIRIT that moved them. You have made sacrifices, perhaps.

Christmas is gone. It will be nearly three hundred and fifty days before the approach of the same festival will remind you to repeat your efforts of the days preceding the holidays.

Are you going to place the Christmas spirit away on a mental shelf, not to be used again for a year?

Or are you going to try to retain the feeling you have had for the past month during the entire twelve months to come?

On how you answer this question will depend much how you succeed during the year, and what impression you make on your fellow-men.

The Christmas season is an unusual one. The spirit of giving reigns while it lasts. Then, more than at any other time, men and women come to realize that it really IS "more blessed to give than to receive."

In emulation of the gift of the day to the Christian world, men give to one another, and to the children. It is the one day of the year when every one unites in the thought that no one should be hungry, naked or suffering.

It is not to be expected that during the entire year people should give with the same freedom which marks their holiday. It would be impossible and impoverishing, if it was reasonable.

But why should the spirit that marks the day be cast aside because one cannot give material gifts every day in the year?

It isn't the BIG gifts that make Christmas what it is. It isn't the NUMBER of presents you receive that cause you who are grown to manhood and womanhood most to look forward to the day. It is the IDEA—the IDEAL, if you will—of helping to make every one happier, of lessening pain and suffering, of raising the fallen and relieving the needy; THE IDEA OF UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.

Many a man in whom this spirit develops admirably at Christmas time promptly forgets his nobler thoughts when the festival is over and goes back to daily habit, as though such ideas were only for Christmas, one little day out of all the others of the three hundred and sixty-five.

Why should he? Why should YOU?

IF the spirit of love, thoughtfulness, sympathy and self-sacrifice is universally recognized as good for December, why is it not equally good for March, July and September?

Lessons in Municipal Ownership

XXXVI.

Before and After Taking

By Professor Frank Parsons

ONE of the best methods of testing the efficiency of any remedy is to compare the condition of the patient or victim before taking with the condition after taking.

Before taking the corporation prescription our governments were reasonably pure and efficient, but since taking the big doses of franchise monopoly administered by the horde of political quacks that infest the legislative hospitals where they pretend to cure the civil ills of the body politic, the victim has manifested unmistakable symptoms of serious congestion of the graft ganglion corporationitis, inflammation of the monopoly membrane, enormous quantities of gas and water in the capital sack, general paralysis of the ethical centres and progressive putrifaction of the governmental tissues.

On the other hand experiment with the municipal ownership remedy prescribed by physicians of the new school, trained in the college of the people, has shown most excellent results.

Wherever reasonable conditions have been secured, so that the remedy could produce its normal and natural effects without interference from large injections of corporation serum during the trial of the new remedy, it has succeeded admirably, and the indications are that, if applied in sufficient quantities, the new germ destroyer will rid the system completely of the deadly microbs technically known as "privaticus-monopolisticus-microbus."

In addition to the beneficial civic effects of the remedy through the destruction of the chief cause of disease, and the healthful stimulus of the civic lobe of the brain, there are economic effects of striking benefit to the patient.

Take, for example, the municipal electric light treatment that has been tried by many cities and towns in this country and across the sea, with beneficial results in nearly all cases, as certified by the sick cities and towns themselves, though, of course, the doctors of the old school, who persist in prescribing the serum of privaticus-monopolisticus-microbus, cannot see anything good in the new remedy.

The following statement illustrates some of the results achieved by the new scientific treatment:

Cost of Electric Light Before and After Public Ownership.

Total cost per lamp year for electric street lights before and after public operation, the "after" service being as good or better than the service it replaced.

	BEFORE Price paid private companies per 2,000 hours Unit of hours per night when plant began.	AFTER Cost per annum, including operating expenses, taxes, insurance and depreciation, but not interest. Unit of hours per night when plant began.	AFTER Cost under complete public ownership, including operating expenses, taxes, insurance and depreciation, but not interest. Unit of hours per night when public ownership is complete, i. e., when the people own the plant free of debt.
Aurora, Ill.	$328	$72	$61
Elgin, "	278	65	56
Fairfield, Ia.	125	95	83
Marshalltown, Ia.	140	40	30
Bay City, Mich.	132	85	58
Owosso, "	132	85	58
Allegheny, Pa.	100	80	73
Bangor, Me.	150	58	48
Lewiston, Me.	102	58	52
Peabody, Mass.	185	72	65

Column 2 is made up of the operating cost plus 5 per cent. on the investment for insurance, taxes and depreciation, and 4 per cent. for interest.

The true contrast is always between columns 1 and 2 if you wish to compare private ownership and operation not merely with public operation of a plant, the capital in which is still privately owned, but with public operation and ownership complete.

When we are trying to ascertain what it is fair for a private company to charge, we must add interest, but when we are trying to discover the effect upon the people of a change to complete public ownership, there is no interest on the public side of the account.

It is clear that public ownership under conditions that leave it free to produce its normal effects means civic and economic health.

Is it wise to cling to the old exploded prescription, which simply intensifies the disease instead of carefully applying the new hygienic remedy to eradicate the disease and its cause?

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP LEAGUE

Ward..... City.....

I, the undersigned, enroll myself a member of the Municipal Ownership League of the city in which I reside. I pledge myself to use every honorable effort to bring about the municipal ownership of public utilities. I believe that city lighting plants to supply the needs of cities and of the citizens as well is one object to be attained.

Name .....

Street Address.....

Cut this out, sign it and mail it to the Secretary of the Municipal Ownership League, No. 89 Summer street.

THE HALL-ROOM BOYS

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GEE! THERE MUST BE A BIG CROWD COMING HERE TO-NIGHT. SWELL CHANCE FOR ANYONE TO GET A TICKET WHEN EVEN THE SPECULATORS HAVE ALL SOLD OUT
SAY FERD, I'VE AN IDEA. WE CAN GO DOWN AND ASK THE GIRLS IF THEY DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE PLAY TO-NIGHT AND WHEN WE GET THEM UP HERE, WHY OF COURSE EVERYTHING IS SOLD OUT
1
SAY GIRLS, DON'T YOU WANT TO GO TO TOBASCO'S AND SEE THE PLAY TO-NIGHT?
THEY SAY IT'S A CRACKER-JACK. YOU SHOULDN'T MISS IT
WE WOULD WITH PLEASURE
2
NOT EVEN A BOX-SEAT. YOU SAY
WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT? ALL SOLD OUT. SUCH A DISAPPOINTMENT!
3
KINDLY EXCHANGE THESE SEATS FOR NEXT WEEK. OUR PARTY IS UNABLE TO ATTEND TO-NIGHT.
GEE PEG! HAVEN'T YOU ANY MONEY? I LEFT MY POCKET-BOOK HOME
CERTAINLY, YOUNG MEN. HERE'S YOUR SEATS FOR YOU
4
HELLO - WHAT'S THE MATTER? HAVEN'T ANY MONEY WITH YOU? WELL - WE CAN FIX IT UP FAR AS THE GIRLS ARE CONCERNED. COLDWASH AND I WERE TO TAKE A COUPLE OF LADY FRIENDS, BUT THEY HAD TO VISIT THEIR MOTHER WHO IS VERY SICK. SO IF YOU FELLOWS DON'T MIND, WE'LL TAKE THE GIRLS IN.
5
STAY AROUND HALL ROOM TILL 10 O'CLOCK AND GO TO DINNER WITH US
6

It Looked Like an Easy Bluff, but Luck Was Against Them

IN BUGVILLE

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LEADER—Sh—sh, fellers; less noise. The lady that owns this pie is sleeping upstairs.

FLY—I quit! Hush again! I'll quit this boarding house to-day.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Regret and Remorse

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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REGRET, with streaming eyes, doth seem alway
A maiden widowed on her wedding day.

While dark Remorse, with eyes too sad for tears,
A crushed, desponding Magdalene appears.

One with a hungering heart, unsatisfied,
Mourns for imagined joys that were denied.

The other, pierced by recollected sin,
Broods o'er the scars of pleasures that have been.

Hetty Green Sets an Example in Generosity

By Rev. Thomas B. Gregory

THE cup of little Neddy Boudreau's happiness is full and running over! The Fates, so coldly indifferent to many, are smiling upon Neddy as blandly as a June morning!

Hetty Green has given Neddy a dollar—a whole dollar—as a bank account!

Money at 5 per cent. doubles itself in twenty years. Neddy is now four, twenty years hence he will be twenty-four—just the right age to begin life on his "own hook."

By that time the dollar given by Mrs. Green will, with compound interest, amount to two dollars and fifty cents—a sum sufficient to buy him a briar-root pipe, or a half-dozen pairs of hose, or a white vest, or if he should happen to be materially inclined, an eight-pound turkey.

There is no need of Neddy's worrying. His future is safe. Thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Green, the wolf may howl at him from the distance, but can never get near his door.

Mrs. Green has been accused in certain quarters of being a cold-hearted woman, interested wholly in gain and quite indifferent to the so-called graces and humanities of life.

But little Neddy Boudreau's bank account gives the lie to all such unkind insinuations.

It is said that Neddy and Mrs. Green live in the same hall house, and, being a very attractive child, Neddy, before he was aware of it, was tugging away like "mad" at Mrs. Green's heart-strings!

The "richest woman in the world," busy though she was with stocks and bonds, mortgages and interest, fell head over heels in love with the little bright-eyed, rosy-faced urchin, and she simply had to translate her affection into something tangible and substantial.

Hence that bank account, and hence the munificence of the same. Loving the little chap, and being at the same time the richest woman in the world she gave him a dollar—a whole dollar.

If she had merely "admired" Neddy, or had loved him only a "little bit," she would probably—and properly—have made the bank account fifty cents, or like enough, a quarter.

Neddy's mother says she doesn't believe his bank account will make him miserly.

It is to be hoped that it will not, for than the miser there is nothing in all Nature that is more despicable.

To live simply to gather up and hoard, to scrimp and deny one's self, to be rich as a King and wretched as a beggar, to have the greatest abundance and yet not have the power to appropriate any of the abundance to your own or other's comfort and peace—is perhaps to have reached the very bottom of the abyss of human degradation.

What Is Space? What Is Eternity?

By Prof. Garrett P. Serviss

THE other night we went out under the stars, forgetting Congress and Russian revolution and a thousand petty interests and annoyances of the day, and, taking seat upon the flying carpet of imagination, sped breathless onward into the immensity of space.

We touched at burning Sirius, and then at mighty Rigel, and again at some more distant star.

Trillions and quadrillions of miles spun away behind us swifter than a glancing sunbeam, and yet we could find no bottom and no shore to the universe.

The mental exhilaration of that tremendous flight was as fascinating as the dream of a hashish eater, infinitely more stimulating, and leaving the mind not weakened, but broadened and strengthened.

The thoughts of this nature that the spectacle of the starry heavens arouses are of far greater value than any of the possibilities of astronomy.

We found, as I have said, no end to the celestial systems. As we advanced, new stars and constellations, previously invisible through the effects of distance, began to glow and brighten before us.

Could we go on through all eternity and yet find no bottom and no shore?

Is the universe, then, without floor, or ceiling, or walls? There are certain discoveries made in the observatories which might be taken as answering these questions in the negative.

They hint at the existence of a bottom in various directions; they seem to show that the multitude of the stars at last thins out, and then fails utterly, leaving only blank darkness beyond.

But can this appearance represent the real truth? Can space have boundaries?

Place yourself in imagination on the most distant star that the most powerful telescope or the most sensitive photographic plate reveals, lying apparently on the verge of a black gulf of nothingness and face outward into that empty night.

Your mind does not and cannot stop there. You are compelled to say to yourself: "This, to be sure, is the last star on the frontier of the invisible universe, but the *invisible universe* stretches on before me here, and can never come to an end. Beyond that blackness may be other starry systems, infinite in number."

Thus it becomes evident that there is in the human soul a consciousness of its essential relation to *endlessness* in space and time.

Its inmost nature rises in revolt when we try to compel it to think of a final absolute stopping place, where everything ends. It is impossible to conceive such a thing.

Here is where astronomy merges into religion, in the broadest sense of the word.

And yet, strange to say, this infinity and this eternity, which defy arithmetic, and figure themselves but as dim expanses before the imagination, are the fundamental axioms of the mind, the only things that we feel sure *must be*, and from which we cannot escape!

ISN'T IT JUST LIKE A WOMAN?

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ONLY $75 IT'S THE ONLY ONE LEFT
OH ISN'T IT PERFECTLY LOVELY! THEY'RE TAKING ANOTHER
AIN'T YOU GOING TO TAKE IT?
NOT JUST YET! I THINK I CAN DO BETTER SOMEWHERE ELSE
THEY HAVEN'T A THING HERE THAT SUITS ME. I'LL GO BACK AND GET THAT FUR TOQUE
SORRY MADAM, BUT IT'S SOLD
SOLD! HOW DARE YOU? I'LL HAVE YOU DISCHARGED

1—She goes shopping and finds a hat that suits her to perfection. It's the only one left, too.

2—But instead of buying it on the spot, she decides to visit some of the other shops to see if she can't do better.

3—After wasting three hours in this way, she makes up her mind to go back and take the hat she admired in the first place.

4—And when she finds that it has been sold, she considers herself ill-treated. NOW, ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE A WOMAN?